



New York District Bible Quiz Annual Newsletter 2009/2010 Season (I & II Corinthians)

Welcome to another year of quizzing. I hope that you are excited as I am to start another year!

Not too much has changed since last year. Here are a few minor things to be aware of.

1. **Gospel Publishing House** – All of the Bible Quiz products and materials are exclusively sold through GPH. GPH has gone through their inventory and made some changes. Things that they were not making a profit on are now free and can be downloaded on our district website (<http://nybiblequiz.com>). This would mean that rulebooks and scoresheets are now free. If you have not noticed yet, there are fewer products available and they cost more. (Example: you cannot buy a Scripture portion without concordance anymore, but you can buy one with a concordance for \$9.00 each.)
2. **Starter packs** – Since the prices have changed, please be aware of the following starter packs:
 - a. Basic Starter Kit (Basic 5 and 5 Scripture Portions) is \$99.00
 - b. Deluxe Starter Kit (Basic 5, 5 Scripture Portions, 1 League Pack, 1 Study Guide CD, 1 Question Writer Pro) is \$199.00
3. **Rulebook** – The rulebook will have minor revisions that will help clarify some of the rules. There are no dramatic rule changes. You can download a free version of the rulebook on our district website.
4. **Bible Quiz logo** – We have a new logo that we can use. This is a long story. To give you the quick version of the story, I was asked to come up with a new logo for National Youth Ministries. The old one was copyrighted by GPH and we were not allowed to print products that had the logo. I hired a graphic artist that goes to my church to come up with a new logo, which is displayed in this letterhead. National Youth Ministries chose to have their artist come up with another logo. So the end result is that we have a new logo, new letterhead, and new Tshirts that National Youth Ministries does not want to use. Therefore they belong exclusively to NY. Hope you like them! I do not foresee another district coming up with anything better than what we have.
5. **Quoting** – For the last few years, we have been using quizzers to quote at youth convention and district council. There are more pastors aware of quizzing than ever before, and as a result quizzing is getting a very good reputation. I would encourage coaches to have their quizzers quote in services as often as you can. Not only in your local church, but I would ask that they quote in neighboring churches and youth rallies as often as possible. More and more pastors want to know more about Bible Quiz!
6. **Discipleship Award** – There has been a Discipleship Award for the last few years. Not many people know about it or participate in it. I would like to encourage you to take a look at the award. It is worth your time to give it a reading.
7. **Empire Classic** – We will be hosting the Empire Classic on 9/19/09 at Binghamton. This tournament was created so that good teams would come to NY to kick off the year. This tournament was created to help NY teams and so that you would not have to travel far for good competition and good fellowship. Hope to see you there!
8. **New Bible Quiz Website** – National Youth Ministries has created a new website <http://biblequiz.ag.org> in order to help promote quiz. All official information will be posted on that site. <http://biblequiz.com> is considered an unofficial site. As a result, I will post as much information as I can on our district website.
9. **New Cell Phone** – I have a new cell phone number and will not change for a long time. If you need to get a hold of me, feel free to contact me at any time at home (518-280-3413) or cell (518-867-6502).
10. **2009 National Bible Quiz Finals** – First A/G Binghamton placed 13th out of 40 teams at the 2009 National Bible Quiz Finals (7/12/09-7/17/09). Go Binghamton!
11. **New Question Writers** – Richard Ely will be writing this year for A League and Brian Lewis will be writing for Novice Division.

I am here to help you in anyway possible. If there is something that you need, feel free to contact me. Thanks for all of your help and support. Being a district coordinator is by far the most fun I have had in any type of ministry to date and I have you to thank for that. Let's have an awesome year studying the books of Corinthians!

God Bless,
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PS Don't you just love this letterhead? I feel like a corporate executive.





**New York District Junior Bible Quiz Newsletter
2009/2010 Season**

I am looking to another fun year of JBQ!

Here are some things that you should know before we get started this year:

1. **Rulebook** – The rulebook is slightly being modified to clear up minor confusion and to be consistent. You can download the new rulebook on our district website (<http://nybiblequiz.com>).
2. **Survey** – Just to reiterate from what was already said, we will continue quizzing on half of the material. If there is anyone that is interested in quizzing over all of the material, please let me know and we will see what we can work out. There will be no changes in the format of material for JBQ.
3. **District Finals** – We have been hosting a Top 20 at District Finals. It is great to host an event with that many teams. The league coordinators met together and we all agreed that District Finals should be a percentile of the district. We will announce how many teams will advance to district finals after the first league meet.
4. **Scoresheets** – There is no reason to buy JBQ scoresheets anymore. You can download a free copy on our district website.

I would like to take this opportunity to talk about something directly to the JBQ coaches. Quizzing is awesome. It is my sincere hope that we get as many kids and teens studying the Bible. There was a point in my lifetime when I thought that ministers were only pastors, youth pastors, and missionaries. I have learned over time that we are all ministers, especially quiz coaches. We are missionaries and our mission field are the kids and teens sitting in our church. I love JBQ, but our biggest fault is that we do not push hard enough to make sure that kids make it into Novice. What a crime it is for a child to learn how to quiz and how to memorize and deprive them of the meat of studying books of the Bible.

If we are going to be successful in building the kingdom of God, it is going to start with the JBQ coach. You have the opportunity and the access to push children in the right direction in life. It is so easy to make a suggestion. It is much different thing to enforce that JBQ-ers give Novice a chance. I have yet to meet one adult that was a quizzer that said that they did not benefit from memorizing Scripture. We all know what the long term benefits are from memorizing Scripture, in both this life and the one to come.

I can dream and dream and see the day when we will have more and more young people studying the Bible. This is going to start with the JBQ coach. You already have great influence over your students. Make the transition for them easier.

Thank you for all of your time and efforts in this great ministry.

God Bless,
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