

BIBLE BOWL

PURPOSE:

- To challenge Participants to achieve in-depth knowledge of God's Word.

PROCESS:

Each Bible Bowl Coach will:

- Read and understand Bible Bowl rules; enable Participant preparation. Hint: see <http://www.hoaltc.org/studyguides.html> for (1) the Teacher, Advanced, and Basic Editions of a study guide and (2) online interactive resources.
- By the final registration deadline: register Participants, identifying Participant name and grade.
- Two weeks prior to the Bible Bowl: (1) check <http://www.hoaltc.org/conventiondetails.html> or the Church Coordinator Packet to obtain a seating chart and (2) identify any Participant with special needs to the Event Coordinator at biblebowl@hoaltc.org.
- At the event: (1) provide one adult Scorer for every four Participants registered, (2) ensure Participants wear their official LTC nametag, and (3) direct Participants to their assigned seat.

The Event Coordinator will:

- Create Bible Bowl exam according to *Overview* and *Subject of Study* sections below, make all judgments related to the Bible Bowl, and report the results to the Awards Committee.

PRE-EVENT:

Overview

- The Bible Bowl has two Divisions: Grades 3-6 Division and Open Division.
- The Bible Bowl consists of three Rounds. Rounds One and Two each contain 35 questions and each cover roughly half of the material in order. Round Three contains 30 questions covering the entire material at a deeper level.
- Participants in Grades 3-6 participate in the first two Rounds and may choose to participate in Round Three. Participants in Grades 7-12 participate in all three Rounds. All Round Three Participants, regardless of grade, will be considered in the Open Division for determining awards. This represents a risk to Grades 3-6 Participants but also an opportunity to demonstrate preparation at a higher level.

Subject of study

- Bible Bowl questions are multiple choice and objective, calling for no interpretation. Content is drawn from the current year theme's text, *including footnotes and chapter headings*, of the most recent edition of the New International Version of the Bible. A study guide is available to guide preparation for the bowl, and many bowl questions will be similar to questions found in the guide.
- The Basic Edition of the Bible Bowl study guide is designed to prepare Grades 3-6 Division Participants for gold-level performance. The Advanced Edition contains all Basic Edition questions along with additional questions and is designed to prepare Open Division Participants for gold-level performance.

EVENT General:

- Participants sit in assigned seats near the front of the room, facing a screen and a Scorer. Participants may have no materials during the event and may be disqualified for speaking during a round.
- Each Participant is provided a block with the letters A-E showing on the various sides. The blocks are

not uniform in letter arrangement. Only letters A-D will be used.

- Scorers sit facing the Participants, with their backs to the screen. A Scorer should not be within eye contact distance of any Participant he or she knows. A Scorer is responsible for recording answers of up to four Participants.
- Spectators are seated near the back of the room and should not speak, enter the room, or leave the room while a Round is in progress.

Within a Round

- A question and its four possible answers will be projected to a screen and will be read aloud.
- After the reading, Participants will have a total of ten seconds to display one of the letters A-D on the block to the Scorer, with a warning sounding halfway through the ten seconds.
- At the end of the ten seconds, the Scorer will record the Participant's answer. A Participant not displaying an answer at that time receives no credit for that question.
- Once the answers are recorded, the *Within a Round* process is repeated until the end of the Round.

After Rounds One and Two

- Participants should stay in their place but may stand and stretch while Scorers prepare for the next Round. Score sheets are handed in to the Event Coordinator.
- After Round Two, Participants in Grades 3-6 not wishing to participate in Round Three are dismissed.

Protests / Comments

- Protests should be lodged by the Bible Bowl Coach to the Event Coordinator the evening of the event. Comments on any aspect of the Bible Bowl are encouraged in person or to biblebowl@hoaltc.org.

Awards

- A Participant's score is the sum of correct answers. The minimum score required for each award is determined using 90%, 75%, and 60% of the average of the highest 10% of individual scores in each Division, as summarized below. Awards are given for the Gold, Silver, Bronze, and Participant levels.

Average Score of top 10% Participants in Division	Minimum Score Required for:			
	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Participant
100	90	75	60	0
95	86	71	57	0
90	81	68	54	0
85	77	64	51	0
80	72	60	48	0
75	68	56	45	0
70	63	53	42	0
65	59	49	39	0
60	54	45	36	0
55	50	41	33	0
50	45	38	30	0