

Coaching — Leading a Local Team (Practice and Motivation)

The official slogan of the Nazarene Youth International is quoted from I Timothy 4:12 - “Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity”. The main purpose of Bible Quizzing is to help cultivate the actions, attitudes, and the lifestyle that are necessary to accomplish this slogan. The Bible Quiz program intends to reach this goal through a tactic that is divided in these different areas:

- An avenue of meaningful **Bible study** for youth to attain to a deep and intimate knowledge of Scripture.
- A means of increasing **fellowship and interaction** among youth internationally.
- An integral part of the **outreach and discipleship** aspects of local church youth ministry.
- A medium for the **training and mentoring** of youth leadership worldwide.
- A catalyst for encouraging active participation in **ministry and mission** projects.
- A **bridge** between youth from different world regions.
- An arena for exciting Christian **competition**.

➤ **Team Practices**

A. *When?*

1. Find a day and time convenient for you. You will be putting in the more time than anyone else.
2. Plan practice for the same day each week

B. *Where?*

1. Find a central location if possible
2. Find a room large enough to spread out. Good practices may have several things going on at the same time especially if you have a helper.
3. Examples of good locations are church, your home, or rotating among quizzers’ home.

C. *How Long and How Often?*

1. Best practice length is usually 1 hour. Can be more.
2. Should meet only once a week so that quizzing does not dominate the teen’s and your time.

D. *What to Accomplish at Practices*

1. Jump on specified material, both new and reviewed material
2. Drills—quick jumps, fast questions and answers
3. Strategies that will be used in a quiz (burning, jumping on a specific word, etc.)
4. Covering specialties—memory, reference, context (do not focus too much on one specialty unless you are practicing with just the specialist)
5. Use a variety of methods to cover material—written quizzes, quizzers asking questions, one on one drills, etc.

E. *Materials Needed*

1. Blue question book — for asking questions at practice from youthquiz.com
2. Jumps seats (QuizStuff.com for the current software and equipment used across the country and at major tournament; Quiztime.com (red boxes) or Quizequipment.com (blue boxes) or borrow some from another church)
3. Quizzer’s questions — for asking questions at practice

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➤ **Motivation**

A. *For Quizzers*

1. Get their parents involved and keep them involved
 - a) Practice in their homes
 - b) Involve them in practices
 - c) Have them help on trips to tournaments, e.g. drive, organize, etc.
2. Add variety to practices, e.g. have a quizzer ask questions, get the coach to jump. Don't let every practice be the same.
3. Incorporate fun activities during the year that don't relate to quizzing, e.g.: after a quiz, go out for pizza or ice cream. Have any kind of a party!
4. Encourage, encourage, encourage
5. Show videos of previous quizzes and tournaments including a Q event.
6. Travel to quizzes other than district quizzes (see www.youthquiz.com and www.nazquizzing.org)

B. *For Coaches*

1. You need to keep your motivation up. An unmotivated coach cannot motivate his quizzers
2. If you feel you're losing your motivation, stop and refine the focus of your program.
3. Don't concentrate on the results so much, concentrate on the experience.
4. If you've let the program get off track, do your best to get it back on track. Then learn from your mistakes for next year!