

Bible Application

PURPOSE:

Students will have a strong knowledge of the Biblical texts being studied and how they apply to real world scenarios. They will work as a team to answer a series of essay questions that will evaluate their knowledge of the material, how it applies to life today, and how to put the scriptures into practice.

SCOPE OF THE EVENT:

Subject of study

1. The subject of study for the 2017 Bible Application will be the book of Acts
2. The text of these books, including all footnotes, will be the source of all questions and answers.

Participation

1. To be eligible to participate, each Bible Application team (including grade level) and team member must be officially registered with LTC by the final registration deadline.
2. A congregation must provide one adult to act as a Facilitator for each Bible Application team it enters.
3. This event is for high school students only.

EVENT GUIDELINES:

1. Team requirements: a team consists of one to five members. To allow time for processing, each team and adult facilitator is to report to the event area 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the event. To be admitted to each session, a team must have each of the following:
 - a. All team members (any number from one to five)
 - b. An adult Facilitator that the team is providing for the Bible Application event
 - c. An official LTC name tag on each player, with the Bible Application team number written on the front of the name tag.
 - d. The team's completed Team Sheet with the names of team members listed at the top and the adult Facilitator at the bottom.

Note carefully: Understand that any team without all four of these requirements will not be allowed to participate (except as provided in guideline 6 below).

- e. Each team member must wear his or her LTC name tag during all Bible Application activities.
2. Teams may include young men and women in grades 9-12.
 3. A congregation may enter any number of teams.
 4. A participant may be a part of only one Bible Application team during the Bible Application event.
 5. No substitutions will be allowed during the Bible Application event. Team members must participate on the same team throughout the entire event.
 6. If a team member misses the beginning of a round, that team may participate without the missing member for that round. The student will not be allowed to participate in that round, and that team will not be allowed to fill the missing member's position with a substitute. The student may participate in the next round.
 7. The Application will be administered in an area with table space and chairs for each team. Teams from the same congregation may not share a common table.
 8. At the beginning of each round, each team will be presented a closed envelope containing five copies of the situation, each page containing a different question about the situation, and five pencils. The envelope must not be opened until instructions are given to do so.
 9. Bibles
 - a. Each team member may use the text of the Bible to complete the Bible Application tests.
 - b. No helps, other than the text of the Bible may be used. Charts, concordances, maps, etc., included in the Bible, may not be used. Texts may be marked in any way desired including writing in the margins.
 - c. No papers may be added to the text, and extra papers must be removed.
 - d. A photocopy may be made of the text only. Guideline 9B also applies to these copies. It is one of our goals to facilitate the learning process as much as possible for all participants. We desire to make it simple. Therefore, copying of the text is highly recommended. Please photocopy the text using the guidelines listed above in order to provide a fair opportunity for all participants.
 10. Spectators
 - a. All Spectators and Coaches will be seated in the area behind or around the testing area.
 - b. Spectators and Coaches will remain separated from teams, and silent, during testing periods.
 - c. Spectators are asked not to enter or leave an event area while a round is in process.

Quizzes

1. There will be four rounds of questions. Each round will consist of one scenario or case study that will challenge students to find a passage from that year's text and apply it to the situation.
2. Each scenario will have five different questions to which students must provide responses. These five questions will be the same in all rounds.
3. The questions will be phrased as follows:
 - a. Provide and write out a scripture from the book/books being studied that can be used as a guide for a Christian's thoughts, actions, or behavior in the given scenario.
 - b. Provide a detailed explanation of how the scripture applies to the given scenario.
 - c. Provide a detailed plan of action that a Christian should take in response to the scenario based on the scripture you have provided.
 - d. Discuss the goals of your actions and potential results of your actions. This should include results that might be desired or undesired.
 - e. Discuss how the theme applies to the situation and response.
4. Students will have 5 minutes to find an applicable scripture, plan a response and assign roles to team members. During these five minutes, no writing is to be done. There will then be an additional 10 minutes to write down their response in an organized manner. It is acceptable for one paper to include the scripture, another to include an explanation of relevance, and another paper for the plan of action, etc., so that multiple team members can be writing at the same time.
5. Students will then place all answers back into their envelope to be turned in for judging during the next round.

Answers:

1. In finding and recording answers, each team may work in open conference and mutual assistance.
2. Written responses will not be judged on grammar or spelling, but are expected to be written using full sentences and show organized thought on the topic. They should be legibly written and show understanding of scripture and the application.
3. Answers can be short answer (several sentences), a paragraph, or a brief essay, as best fits the question and students' response.

Judging:

Judging will take place in an adjoining room during the event and will be based on the following criteria:

1. Selected Scripture
 - a. Is the scripture based on current year book of the Bible?
 - b. Is it relevant to this situation?
2. Scripture Application
 - a. Do they show how the passage is relevant?
 - b. How is it similar or different?
3. Plan of Action
 - a. Does the plan have a basis in scripture?
 - b. Is the plan meaningful and well thought out?
 - c. Was the plan detailed regarding what they would do or say?
4. Desired Outcomes
 - a. Did they act with a goal in mind?
 - b. Were the outcomes in line with the Bible?
 - c. Did they consider self, others, and God's Kingdom?
 - d. Did they consider potential outcomes that were both positive and negative?
5. Application of Theme
 - a. Did they show how the theme applied to plan?
 - b. Does their response deal with the idea of current year theme?

Each of the five categories will be scored on a scale of 0-3. The total scores will be calculated and medals determined based on overall results.

Quiz Instructions

1. Bible Application is intended to give students knowledge of scripture, an understanding of its meaning, and the ability to apply scripture to everyday situations.
2. At the Bible Application event, the Quizmaster will give instructions on physical procedures, but will not explain the testing methods. Understanding of testing methods is part of your pre-convention preparation.
3. For demonstration of testing methods that will be used at the convention, contact the event coordinator *prior to the convention*.

COACHES:

- Read and understand guidelines for the current year. LTC will not be responsible for Reference Manual neglect. Enter teams of one to five members in the grade level of the highest grade member. Communicate to their church coordinator the team members, number of teams, as well the grade level of those groups.
- Be certain that their teams are registered for Bible Application and only Bible Application for the given time period. No one will be allowed to participate in an event if they have a conflict with another event.
- Make certain that the church coordinator has registered the correct number of teams. Final additions, modifications or deletions of teams must be corrected on the registration website by the church coordinator by Final Registration Deadline.
- Print a team sheet from the registration website to turn in to the judges at the convention.
- Provide one adult Facilitator for each Bible Application team entered.