

# ACEL Bible Bowl 2025

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### 1. Teams

- Bible Bowl teams will have 4 team members, with at least one member representing each gender.
- At this time, ACEL does not recognize middle school or high school categories/brackets for this event. When designing the bracket for the event, however, the age ranges of the teams will be considered. This is subject to change if enough interest warrants having separate brackets, therefore separate awards.
- Each organization may enter up to two teams. If entering one team, the team may be a mixture of age groups. If a team contains any members in high school, the team will automatically be considered a high school team. If entering two teams, the teams should be a middle school (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) and a high school (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) team. Schools should not enter two high school or two middle school teams.
- Teams should be dressed in Sunday dress/business casual.

### 2. Entry

- 1-2 months before the event, an online registration form will be added to the ACEL Arts and Academics web page.
- Teams will be registered as a group, not individually.
- An online payment system will be set up on the ACEL website; alternate instructions will be posted for mail-in payments.
- A single alternate member may be listed in case of injury or illness.

### 3. Preliminary Schedule

- The Bible Bowl will be an auditorium event during the Academics Festival.
- It will take place as the first event and begin at 9am.
- A finalized bracket will be emailed to the team director after registration has closed.

### 4. Study Material

- We will be utilizing *The Complete Book of Bible Trivia* by J. Stephen Lang published by Tyndale House Publishers
- This book is written in a question-answer format and is broken down into several “Parts.”
- For the 2025 Bible Bowl, we will ONLY utilize Parts 1-5 (we will utilize different parts each year while keeping the book the same).
- Some questions may be re-worded or “flipped” at the commissioner’s or quiz-master’s discretion, but the information will remain the same. For example, we may choose to say “woman” instead of “prostitute” for the sake of younger audience members; or we may ask “What did Jesus turn the water into at the wedding at Cana?” rather than asking “Who turned water into wine at the wedding at Cana?” The purpose of this would be to emphasize the learning of information over the learning of memorized facts. An alternate reason for this is that questions may have to be re-used during the event.

#### 5. Game Play

- There will be five regular rounds of ten questions each. One round will be from each “Part” of the study book.
- A button-style buzzer system will be used, and every member will be able to buzz for each question.
  - If a single member has answered four questions in a single round, that member will be “buzzed out” for the remainder of the round.
  - If a question is answered incorrectly, the first member of the other team that had hit his buzzer will be allowed to answer. If the second answer is also incorrect, neither team will receive the points for that question.
- After the five regular rounds of game play, a Final Question will be asked. Each team will discuss the answer and write it down along with a “wager” of points. If answered correctly, the team will be awarded the number of points wagered. If answered incorrectly, the team will lose the number of points wagered (as in Jeopardy!).

#### 6. Adjudication

- The team with the most points at the end of a match will advance in the bowl bracket.
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophies will be awarded to each of the top-performing teams along with a medal for each member.
- If only three teams enter, a 3<sup>rd</sup> place award will not be awarded. If only two teams enter, a 2<sup>nd</sup> place award will not be awarded.
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#### 7. Required Paperwork

- A photo release for each member of the team