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2011-12 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TEEN BIBLE BOWL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Official List Corrections:

- None

Interchangeability:

- The following names for Jesus will be interchangeable: “Jesus Christ,” “Christ,” “Jesus.” Note that “Lord” is not interchangeable with any names for Jesus because it sometimes refers to Jesus and sometimes to God.
- The names “Peter,” “Simon” and “Simon Peter” are interchangeable only when they refer to Simon Peter (as opposed to the other Simons in the text).

Keyword exceptions:

- “Happiness” cannot be used in any keyword question due to the fact that it appears in two verses in the same chapter which are identical.

Notes about your Study Text:

The following verses are not included in modern translations (your Study Text is correct):

- Mat 17:21
- Mat 18:11
- Mat 23:14

Rulings on text issues:

- The phrase “the son of Abraham” in 1:1 should be understood as referring to “Jesus Christ” rather than “David.”

Nationals:

- The dates and location for Teen Bible Bowl Nationals is Monday July 9 through Thursday July 12, in conjunction with the North American Christian Convention, to be held at the Marriott World Center Resort in Orlando, Florida.
- Due to the shortening of the Nationals schedule, there will be no adult tournament in Orlando.

Competition Questions:

- An attempt will be made to link toss-ups with more difficult answers to bonuses with higher point values. In making this statement, we recognize that:
 1. This will not always be possible because of other factors that must be considered.
 2. The definition of more difficult answers will vary from individual to individual.

An effort will be made to have an equal number of bonus point values in each game, but they will not necessarily be evenly distributed throughout the round. Neither of these issues are contestable in any way.

- The schedule on the back cover of your Study Text indicates that there will be 3 review questions in every set of round robin questions. However, it has been decided that October, November, and December will NOT have any review questions. This is an attempt to remove barriers to teams starting late in the season. Review questions will resume as originally planned for the February, March, and April round robins.

NIV for Matthew:

- Please note that there are several different versions of the NIV currently in circulation, including the new 2011 version. In order to ensure that players and coaches are using the official Bible Bowl version, PLEASE USE AN OFFICIAL STUDY TEXT.

Translation for Bible Bowl for the 2012-13 Season and beyond:

- As previously announced, we have been informed by Zondervan that after this season we are no longer permitted to publish any materials using the 1984 version of the NIV. Because of this, during this past winter the Board of Directors solicited input from the Bible Bowl community as to which translation Bible Bowl should adopt going forward. After considering these comments, and after careful research of all the issues involved (including consultation with some of our Bible college professors), and much prayer, the Board of Directors has unanimously decided that the official Bible Bowl translation beginning with the 2012-13 season (the season after Matthew) will be the English Standard Version (ESV). The ESV is one of the top 5 most popular translations and we feel that it will make a wonderful translation for Bible Bowl. For additional information about this decision, click here: <http://www.biblebowl.net/Data/AnnouncementsEsv.pdf>