Bible Study Planning

PURPOSE:

Being able to plan and lead a Bible study is an important skill for participants to have as they move into leadership roles. This provides valuable experience for participants preparing to minister to their fellow students on a college campus, work as a youth ministry intern, studying with co-workers, etc. This event provides participants with the opportunity to learn how to plan a study based on the LTC theme and/or text, including all aspects and details necessary, that can be used with other students.

GUIDELINES:

1. **Duration** - Determine the length of the study: 4 weeks, 8 weeks, or 12 weeks
2. **Audience** - The study should be geared toward students of youth group age, whether middle school, high school or both.
3. **Schedule** - Provide a schedule of how the text or subject will be covered in each meeting.
4. **Leader Guide** - Provide a guide that could be used by the leader of the study. This can include the format for the study, introductory material, texts to read, comments to make, etc.
5. **Discussion Questions** - Provide a list of questions and possible answers (no fewer than 5 questions, no more than 15 per meeting). Open-ended questions are strongly encouraged.
6. **Reference Materials** - Provide a list of recommended reference materials that could be used in the study.
7. **Communication** - Provide a plan for how the leader could promote the study and encourage people to attend as well as reminders each week. This could involve a variety of communication tools.
8. **Online** - If the participant chooses, they can design a study that could be done online. It is up to the participant to decide what online tool would be used and the various facets of how an online study could be implemented. Creativity is encouraged.
9. **Grade Levels** - 9-12.
10. **Teams** - Event may be done by an individual or by a team of 2-3 people. An unlimited number of teams and/or participants from each congregation are allowed with a maximum of three students per team. One team of students may only work on one entry. Students may not be on more than one team.
11. **Submission** - Entries may be handwritten or in Word format. If handwritten, they will need to be converted to a PDF in order to be emailed.

AWARDS:

There are three ratings available – Gold, Silver and Bronze.

JUDGING CRITERIA:

Judges will evaluate entries for completeness, attention to detail, Biblical accuracy and relevance, application to the audience, and creative use of technology.

COACHES AND CHURCH COORDINATORS:

- Guide the students as they create a study.
- Email a team sheet from the registration website and the submission to the Event Coordinator on or before **Pre-Convention Two deadline**. With the exception of special cases (determined by communication with the Event Coordinator) all entries will be submitted via email.
- Students must be correctly registered for this event and complete all requirements by the **Pre-Convention Two Event deadline**.