

Internet Evangelism

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Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...by

• Blogging • Posting • Podcasting • Bridging

NOT SINCE GUTTENBERG

People are talking. People are talking about evangelism today. People are talking about the internet's impact on evangelism, comparing it to the printing of the Guttenberg Bible. Just announced this week...there are more than 100,000,000 web sites!

People are talking. People are talking on the internet. People are blogging, posting, podcasting, bridging and relating in virtual worlds. The people of

God are catching on to this shift, finding ways to listen to those who are spending time on the internet and then by sharing who they are and what they've experienced of God's love.

Maybe you're not called to this ministry, but be casting about in your congregation to see who might be. On this sheet you will find examples, technical support sites and general sites about internet evangelism. This is just the tip of the iceberg!

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GENERAL AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT

These sites offer general information through blogs, links and/or articles:

www.blogministry.com
www.seekgod.org/guide
www.truthmedia.com
<http://ied.gospelcom.net>

CREATE YOUR OWN BLOG

www.blogger.com

Words to Know



Here are current key words to understand. Keep in mind that this is a very fluid world, where change comes very rapidly.

Blogging: a website where entries are made journal style and displayed in reverse chronological order.

Posting: writing and sending an internet forum entry.

Podcasting: distributing a multimedia file over the internet for playback on mobile devices and personal computers.

Bridging: evangelism that is sharing a part of yourself...a hobby, an intellectual pursuit, a role you have...to connect with folks in order to learn about them and to share one's journey with God through Jesus Christ.

CHECK IT OUT! Sample blogs from pastors, laity, a church and a collaborative—enter <http://> and then:

thechurchgeek.com
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odyssey.blogs.com
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sacredspace.imagodeicommunity.com
thinkchristian.net