

# **Men's NetWork ~ How can I get the most out of the Men's NetWork Web site?**

***Purpose:** (To help men learn more about their place in God's world and get involved in ministry opportunities with other men)*

Maybe you're surfing the Web in a motel room, in your dorm, or at home. You've stumbled across the **Men's NetWork**. You wonder, is there anything here I can use?

We designed the **Men's NetWork** to give congregations tools and ideas so men can learn more about Jesus Christ, join in some great events, and use their time and skill to make a difference in their communities. If you haven't noticed already, you will soon see that most of our material is aimed at groups of men. But that doesn't mean you can't find valuable tools for personal use as well.

**Let's take a look at the stuff you can use right there on your computer.**

## ***Men's NetWork resources:***

### ***Bible Studies:***

These Bible studies cover a variety of topics in fresh and innovative ways. Some treatments are light and a bit funny; others run pretty deep. All of them are put together with guys in mind. We think you'll find them interesting, stimulating and, certainly, different than most video Bible studies you've seen before.

If you happen to be a younger man, you will find **MNW** Bible studies are especially made to appeal to your interests and concerns (without excluding older men). When it comes to getting involved in church, you may find yourself feeling on the fringe. You want to get involved, but may feel the church lacks relevance. The last thing you want to do is step into something you'll have to withdraw from later. Our video-based Bible studies are produced to engage your life and inform your faith. Our discussion guides will get you thinking, praying, and growing in Jesus Christ."

### ***How-To Instruction Guides:***

These helpful guides provide important info to help leaders and their groups do any number of things from organizing a golf or fishing tournament to leading a Bible study. With step-by-step instructions, you'll get details on how to pre-plan an activity and how to evaluate what you've done when it's finished. And since we don't have a "corner on the market," we welcome all topic suggestions or stabs at writing one for us.

### ***Impact Events:***

Few things energize guys like stepping up and putting some muscle into doing something positive in the lives of others. A quick look outside our comfort zone quickly tells us there's more than enough need to go around. You can join a group of men to help a youth group, folks in a retirement community or nursing home, struggling families just getting by, or single mothers grappling with the urge to throw in the towel. If it's work in another community, another state, or another country you want, we have opportunities there, too. Our Impact Events section provides a wide variety of life-changing activities you can sink your teeth into!

### ***Local/Regional Calendar:***

Here's a cyber-bulletin board where men's groups post the location, dates, times, topics, contact info, and any other relevant news about their upcoming activities. If you want to have some fun and meet some guys who share your interests, here's the place to look.

### ***Braggin' Rights:***

Here's where men's groups put their names and mugs up in lights! They send us a summary of their event and pictures to go along with it and we post them prominently for the world to see. You can see the great things men have done in your area, or maybe check out a group you're interested in joining.

### ***The Baloney Shop:***

This little out-of-the-way nook is where Rev. Ken Klaus applies his theological training and deft sense of humor to discuss some of the more oddball and out-there items that put the burr under his saddle when it comes to Christianity and the world at large. Watch this short clip and see if you've seen the same baloney—or worse. We also encourage you to submit your own questions or the boloney you see and hear.

### ***Man Stuff:***

This is the **MNW** blog. Here, you can tell us what you think. We regularly post our own comments; we look forward to reading yours. (As mentioned above, you can write us with any questions, comments, or concerns you might have. We might even have a suggestion or two that could make your effort easier.)

### ***Resources:***

Here's a listing of Web links to help you find stuff you are interested in.

### ***Find a Men's NetWork group near you:***

This page is the place where you can find local men's groups you can consider joining. Look them up here, then check if they have activities listed in the Local/Regional Calendar or have an article on Braggin' Rights.

### ***Thought of the Day Archives:***

These little gems give you something to think about when you're staring out the window at work or surfing our Web site at your local coffee shop. When you want to dazzle somebody with your astute command of pithy witticisms, look no farther. These morsels can be surprisingly filling. Check out a few, when you get a chance.

***Contact Us:***

The **Men's NetWork** is all about providing handy and easy-to-use tools to help individuals or groups maximize their discipleship and deepen their faith. Let us know what you like, what you would like to see, and how we can make this resource better.

**Happy hunting and have a great time on the Men's NetWork!**