

Evangelism - Annotated Bibliography

Henderson, Jim, and Matt Casper. Jim and Casper Go to Church: Frank Conversation about Faith, Churches, and Well-Meaning Christians. Carol Stream: Baker Books, 2007.

Jim Henderson, a veteran Protestant minister, and Matt Casper, an atheist copywriter and musician, observe how a variety of Christians engage the Divine through worship. The overarching question is, "Why are there such glaring discrepancies among churches regarding what it means to be a follower of Christ?" This book presents a unique perspective of both the Christian and the atheist on the church, and is meant to help Christians understand the change in attitudes and actions required when shifting from defending the faith to defending "sacred space"—from talking to listening, from strength to weakness, from debate to dialogue, from manipulation to intentionality

Henderson, Jim. Evangelism Without Additives : What If Sharing Your Faith Meant Just Being Yourself? New York: The Doubleday Religious Group, 2007.

In this book, Jim Henderson claims that evangelism can be as normal as asking great questions and paying attention to the people Jesus misses most. It involves doing things you already do, but with a little more intentionality. Just by being yourself and becoming unusually interested in others, you can discover that people will ask you about Jesus. This is a handbook on how to make real connections with the people formerly known as lost.

Hunter, George G. The Celtic Way of Evangelism: How Christianity Can Reach the West... Again. New York: Abingdon Press, 2004.

In his book, George Hunter highlights the fact that Celtic Christianity was one of the most successfully evangelistic branches of the church in history, as it converted Ireland from paganism to Christianity in a remarkably short period. Hunter argues that North America is today in the same situation as the environment in which the early Celtic preachers found their mission fields: unfamiliar with the Christian message, yet spiritually seeking and open to a vibrant new faith. If we are to succeed in reaching the West, Hunter states, we must begin by learning from these powerful Celtic witnesses.

Kinnaman, David, and Gabe Lyons. UnChristian: What a New Generation Really Thinks about Christianity... and Why It Matters. New York: Baker Books, 2007.

This book is inspired from a three year research project on what young Americans think about Christianity. The results indicate that the generations that include late teens to early 30-somethings believe Christians are judgmental, antihomosexual, hypocritical, too political and sheltered. Kinnaman looks at ways in which churches' activities actually may have been unchristian and encourages a return to a more biblical Christianity, a faith that not only focuses on holiness but also loves, accepts and works to understand the world around it.

The Lost Interviews: Those Who Aren't Born Again Talk Back to Those Who Are. Perf. Jim Henderson. DVD. Off the Map.

In this DVD, Jim Henderson asks people who are lost to talk about their experiences with church, Christians, and their own spirituality. It can be used as a tool for groups wanting to learn how to connect with non Christian friends. Tips are offered on how Christians can improve in their efforts to convert nonbelievers.

McLaren, Brian D. More Ready Than You Realize : Evangelism As Dance in the Postmodern Matrix. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2002.

Brian McLaren urges that evangelism should *not* be in the form of a sales pitch, conquest, ultimatum, threat, or argument. Instead, disciple-making should be presented in the way of conversation, friendship, influence, invitation, and companionship.