



Following Jesus – Matthew

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<http://matthew.vividas.com>

eConference Guide

Just what do you need to enable your eConference?

Internet and Computer needs

Vividas & eConferencing

The eConference format has been designed to simplify the sharing of knowledge across communities that might be otherwise separated by distance. By combining TV broadcasting with the online technologies we are able to share a live conference experience across Australia or around the world instantly! A local facilitator will lead your discussions and day to ensure your people get the most out of the experience.

What is Vividas?

Vividas is an Australian technology that enables the transmission of full screen video images across the Internet at very high quality - even on a standard Internet connection. Vividas requires no special software - so there is nothing to install, if you can use the Internet, and have a facilitator, you can take part in the eConference.

Display recommendations

Sharing with your team

While it is possible to take part by viewing directly on your PC or MAC, the experience of watching as a group enhances the experience. A data projector can be connected to your PC to project the video segments to a larger audience without needing to huddle around a small PC screen. A simple set of PC speakers will help make the audio clear to all. If you have a big group (more than 20) you might want to consider a larger set of speakers and your venue co-ordinator or facilitator would provide the best advice.

How Can I Test the eConference format?

A good test equals a great experience

You can visit previous webcasts at anytime to test your setup, try <http://mary.vividas.com> or <http://paul.vividas.com> or <http://luke.vividas.com> or <http://jesus.vividas.com> or <http://holyspirit.vividas.com>

These previous eConferences provide an opportunity to test the format on the PC and Internet connections well in advance. The official website for Matthew is now live, and the welcome message there at <http://matthew.vividas.com> also offers you the opportunity to test your equipment. As the weeks progress, further resources and facilitator questions will be housed on the site to make your Conference hosting the best it can be. The site also has tips, diagnostics tools. This will be the same site where you will view the eConference on the day. If you use a MAC there is a button on the page to take you to a specialised site that provides the best playing for Macs

What Happens

When you click the video a Vividas bar will load. This is sending your PC the player and triggers the video replay. From this point you can control how the video is sized. A special tab button will be created, clicking here will take you to full screen mode, you can hit 'esc' to return to the small window. You can pause the video by using the space bar. Adjust the PC volume.

For the technically minded

Bandwidth and Connection Speeds

Once you click on the video link the player is sent in java script to your PC. If Java is disabled the player uses ActiveX controls to present the image.

The three stream sizes

Vividas may present three options - High, Medium and Low. If you have a reliable broadband service click on 'High'. If you have poor Internet connectivity use the 'Low' link. Most can see High and Medium without a problem.

How much data is in a typical eConference session?

Vividas data rates vary with duration and selected quality. As a general guide you should expect 1Gb of Internet use for the whole day. Note these videos are not stored on your PC so they do not take up your hard drive space.

Trouble Shooting

Most sites work first time but it is important to test. Log into the site or a previous eConference with the equipment you will use on the day. If you have a managed IT environment engage your IT experts - show them what you want to do so they are comfortable with the process. The site has links to diagnostic tools to help if you have a problem

Display Technology

Comfortable Viewing

We recommend using a video projector to display the image on a wall or screen. This makes viewing more comfortable. PC speakers will ensure you can comfortably hear in a full room which is important for your people, and as always test this works in advance.

What if we miss it?

This technology is very robust but things can go wrong or you may simply wish to see a segment again. The site will remain live for several months after the eConference concludes. You can also request a DVD of the eConference if required by contacting BBI at econferences@bbi.catholic.edu.au

We hope you enjoy this latest experience in online conferencing.

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