# Welcome!

Hey church! I hope you are doing well, keeping warm, and staying healthy.

We wrap up our NEW DAY series today, hopefully with a better grasp of what it means to live out our calling as Christ followers. I sincerely hope that you have been challenged and encouraged along the way, and that the often-messy implications of "loving one another" are getting worked out in your relationships.

Today, we will focus on two words that I think will help provide a strategy for you in fulfilling the words of Jesus to "love one another". The timing couldn't be better as the coming week provides great opportunities to love others well: Valentine's Day on Wednesday followed by Chinese New Year on Friday. With romance and family all being celebrated in the same week, I hope that you'll have an exceptionally "loving" week!



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#### **BOLD FAITH** OUR FOUR GOALS

The Bold Faith fund campaign is an initiative to establish a permanent venue in Hong Kong to advance God's kingdom. The objective is to raise sufficient funds to procure and own a building to enable our church to multiply ministries and serve our city well.

BRING PEOPLE TO WORSHIP **JESUS** 

**OPTIMISE** TRAINING AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

LOVE THE CITY

DEEPEN RELATIONSHIPS AND COMMUNITY

### **Bold Faith Fund** [Target \$1 Billion] Through January 2018

\$112.9 M \$26.4 M Received **Outstanding Pledged** 

Total Fund Received and Pledged \$139.3 M

#### GENERAL OFFERING

FISCAL YEAR SEP 2017 - AUG 2018

PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)

YEAR TO DATE (23 WEEKS)

-1.8% deficit on giving

Budget Giving

\$33.5M \$32.9M

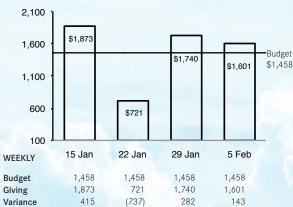
#### GIVING TO ISLAND ECC

We encourage those who consider Island ECC their church home to prayerfully give a percentage of their income to the church on a regular basis.

#### Cheques payable:

- . 'Island ECC Ltd.' for HK tax receipts
- 'Friends of Hong Kong Charities Inc.' for US citizens

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# **NEW DAY**

Tension and Debt

February 11, 2018 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 3 pm, 5 pm 633 King's Road, 1/F, 2/F, 10/F

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# TODAY SEEK GOD LENT DEVOTIONAL

The Lent devotional "Seek God for the City" is available today at 1/F Connect Counter for a suggested donation of \$20. If you prefer a digital version, you can obtain it from waymakers.org.

#### TODAY CHILD DEDICATION

We are delighted today to join the Barron's in dedicating their children to the Lord: James Beckham Thomas Barron and William Houston Benjamin Barron, born 7 June 2013, to parents Gene & Nancy (11:30am, 10/F Auditorium).

#### FEB 19 BELOVED CONFERENCE

We will learn the New Testament in a fun and interactive way, and get to know more about Josiah, Judah's young king, who inherited tough times from the generations before him and how God worked through him to make sweeping changes for good in his nation. Registration fee is \$80. Doors open at 9 am, 2/F Auditorium. Register by email at filipino@islandecc.hk.

#### FEB 24 WALKING WITH GOD

With the best temperatures to be outdoors, join us for a memorable time with God while enjoying His creation walking to The Peak. Saturday, 24 February, 9:30 am. Register at www.islandecc.hk/walkwithgod. For more information, email prayer@islandecc.hk.

# MARCH 16-17 healing trauma seminar

#### Registration Deadline: 2 March

Are you dealing with the impact of past trauma that affects your present day choices? Come to explore the deep healing power and love of God led by Liz Chow with videos from Elijah House Ministry. Limited spaces available. Register at Connect Counters or islandecc.hk/ traumaseminar.

#### CLASSES

To register and for more information on the following classes, go to islandecc.hk/classes.

### TODAY JESUS: THE BIOGRAPHY

Jesus lived in 1st Century Israel. To understand His message fully, it is vital that we get to know this time and place, which was as complicated politically, religiously, culturally and socially as our own age. Join Martin Radford in 7/F Classroom from 11:30 am - 1 pm for this 8-week course as we study the life of our Messiah in His time and place.

## FEB 25 kairos course: god, the church, and the world

Want to live a mission-minded life? Come to our Kairos Course to change your perspective, deepen your understanding and be inspired to go on missions. Join us on Sundays from 25 February to 6 May, 4:30 - 7 pm, 11/F Classroom. The course fee is \$300. For registration or more information, please email go@islandecc.hk.

#### FEB 25 LEADING BIBLE STUDIES

For current CG leaders or those who teach the Bible in other contexts, this is for you! This new course will be a fun way to learn how to make God's Word accessible and relevant. No matter what amount of experience you have, you are invited to join Pastor Kyle in 11/F Classroom from 3 - 4:30 pm.

#### MAR 4 MONEY & MARRIAGE

Join us in this life-changing course to discover God's approach to managing finances and how that can strengthen our marriages. Topics include: building a healthy marriage; giving, saving and investing decisions; understanding the impact of debt in your marriage; resolving conflicts; setting goals; and more. 9:30 - 11 am, 7/F Classroom. Cost of materials: \$600 per couple.



#### **OUTREACH**

# APR 1 EASTER PRISON OUTREACH REGISTRATION OPEN

Registration Deadline: 1 March

We will be visiting English-speaking inmates over Easter at Tung Tau Correctional Institution to share our faith through worship and testimony from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. Email go@islandecc.hk to register. There will be a mandatory training on 4 March, 1 - 3 pm, 8/F Living Room. Priority will be given to men.

# MAY 25-JUN 3 LEBANON MISSION TRIP

Information Session: Today / Registration Deadline: 4 March

We will be taking a team to Lebanon this year to serve refugees and a school for refugee kids with our Supported Partner in Zahlé. Medical, counselling and youth social work experience are a plus but not required. Come to our info session today, 3 - 4:30 pm, 11/F Classroom. Team size limited to 10 people.

#### **OPPORTUNITIES**

If you are interested in the opportunities below, send your CV and a cover letter to hr@islandecc.hk. Go to islandecc.hk/about-us/employment-opportunities for more information

#### **MINISTRY SUPPORT ASSISTANT - SUNDAYS**

We are looking for a friendly, reliable person with good administrative and maths skills to provide practical and logistical support to the Ministry Support team for our Sunday morning services, 9 am - 1:30 pm. A love for the church is essential plus fluency in English.

#### PART-TIME PRODUCTION MANAGER

We are looking for a part-time Production Manager to help oversee the audio-visual aspects of Sunday services and special events. If you have an eye for detail, a passion to serve, and some experience with video or live events, knowledge of ProPresenter or similar platforms, and are proficient in English, we invite you to apply.

#### II FEBRUARY 2018

# Tension and Debt

<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.") 16 Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses: grace and truth came through lesus Christ.

John 1:14-17

<sup>1</sup> Then some Pharisees and teachers of the law came to Jesus from Jerusalem and asked, <sup>2</sup> "Why do Your disciples break the tradition of the elders? They don't wash their hands before they eat!". 3 Jesus replied, "And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition? <sup>4</sup> For God said, 'Honour your father and mother' and 'Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.' 5 But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is 'devoted to God,' 6 they are not to 'honour their father or mother' with it. Thus you nullify the word of God for the sake of your tradition. <sup>7</sup> You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you: <sup>8</sup> "These people honour Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me."

Matthew 15:1-8

8 Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. 9 The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbour as yourself." 10 Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfilment of

Romans 13:8-10

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