

April 22 2018 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 3 pm, 5 pm
633 King's Road, 1/F, 2/F, 10/F

Serpent: Channelled Creativity

¹⁶ "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; so be shrewd as serpents and innocent as doves."
Matthew 10:16

⁸ The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.
⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

¹⁰ "One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹³ No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."
Luke 16:8-13

A Challenge:

A Warning:

A Promise:

 **ISLAND**
EVANGELICAL COMMUNITY CHURCH

ANIMAL KINGDOM

IN THE RUSTLING GRASS I HEAR HIM PASS
HE SPEAKS TO ME EVERYWHERE



Animal Kingdom

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*Be as shrewd as serpents and as innocent as doves.
Matthew 10:16*

God, our creator, has placed within all of us His image, sometimes called the Imago Dei. Therefore we are all made to be creative. This means an entrepreneurial, risk-taking, daring approach to seeking God and making Him known. The enterprise of the church deserves our greatest efforts to allow all to know a God who loves them.

- 1/ How does creativity inspire you? Share some of your favourite movies, artists, songs, paintings, travel spots, etc. that stir you deeply.**
- 2/ We are told to be “shrewd as serpents and as innocent as doves” (Matthew 10:16). How can we as Christians be more “shrewd” as we engage the world?**
- 3/ How would you assess the church in Hong Kong and its effectiveness in reaching non-Christians? What does it do well? Where could it improve?**

Are you new here?

Come to our Newcomers Lunch

For details, please refer to the bulletin.

Learn more about us?

Name

Email

Phone

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HIGHLIGHTS

MAY 4-5 MEN'S CONFERENCE: THE FIGHT

What do men fight for? How do men overcome? These are questions every man faces at one point in their lives. Join the Men's Conference to experience God's grace as a man. 4 - 5 May, Friday, 7 - 9:30 pm; Saturday, 9:30 am - 5 pm on 1/F. Register at islandecc.hk/mensconference or sign up at the Connect Counter.

MAY 6 SPECIAL GUEST TIERCE GREEN: MEN, WOMEN AND RELATIONSHIPS

Join Tierce Green, international guest speaker for The Fight Conference, for a bonus session for both men and women on how men think and why they are often misunderstood. 1:30 - 3 pm, 10/F Auditorium. Free registration at the Connect Counter.

MAY 6 NEWCOMERS LUNCH

If you're new to the church and want to know more about Island ECC, please join us for Newcomers Lunch on Sunday, 6 May, 1:30 pm in 10/F Living Room. Sign up with the bulletin inserts!

MAR 18 "WELCOME HOME" VOLUNTEER OPEN HOUSE

Because we love, we serve! Come join us to find more about how you can serve! May 13, 1:30-2:30 pm, 10/F Auditorium. Sign up at all connect counters. For more information, email serve@islandecc.hk

MAY 19 ORANGE TOUR HONG KONG

Join us for a one-day event with family experts Reggie Joiner and Kristen Ivy. This tour aligns parents and the church, the two great influences in a child's life, in a powerful partnership. Saturday, 19 May, 9:30 am - 5 pm with bonus Friday night PHASEs talk, 7:30 - 9 pm. For more information and tickets, visit orangetour.hk.

JUN 29-JUL 4 ISLAND YOUTH SUMMER CAMP

Join Island Youth on 29 June - 4 July for our annual summer camp! This year we are travelling to picturesque Guilin and staying at the all-inclusive Club Med Resort. During camp there will be worship, Bible study, teaching, small groups, games, food, beaches and more! For more information, go to islandecc.hk/iysummecamp.

CLASSES

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

MAY 20 HABITS OF GRACE

Habits of Grace provides a solid theological and Scriptural foundation with practical applications for growing as Christians with the basic spiritual disciplines. It focuses on the attitudes and disciplines that assist in having a vital, maturing relationship with Christ. Sunday, 20 May, 9:30 am, 10/F Classroom.

MAY 31 GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Have you lost a spouse, family member or friend? Are you grieving or don't even know where to start? This 6-week support group, led by caring professionals, is a safe place to share and learn from each other about the journey of grief that everyone walks through sometime in life. Thursdays, 31 May, 7:30 - 9:30pm, 10/F Living Room.

OUTREACH

APR 28 MOBILE SHOPPING FAIR

It's the time of the month when volunteers will help deliver goods and spend time with immobile families from Shek Kip Mei. We are looking for 25 volunteers to help out on Saturday, 28 April, 9 - 11:30 am. For more information, please email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com.

APR 29 MEN'S VIETNAM MISSION TRIP SHARING SESSION

The Men's Vietnam Mission Team were so grateful to witness God's guidance and providence at the most remote and poverty stricken place in Vietnam. Join us at our Sharing Session to know more about how God's blessings have been changing lives in Vietnam since 2012, and how you can be part of this wonderful journey. Sunday, 29 April, 1:30 - 3 pm, 10/F Classroom.

MAY 12 IDEAL MOTHER'S DAY WALKATHON

Ready for a little hike? Hope of the City is recruiting 7 volunteers to prepare for the Mother's Day Walkathon held by Intellectually Disabled Education and Advocacy League. Saturday, 10 am - 1 pm at the Peak. For more information, please email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com.

JUL 28-AUG 4 TAIWAN MISSION TRIP

Registration Deadline: 1 May

Taiwanese aborigines are often characterised by their lack of resources and opportunities. In the past 5 years, we see God uniting various churches in Taitung to empower the Christian community on the east coast. Apply at islandecc.hk/outreach/global or for more information, email go@islandecc.hk.

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.

PART-TIME CONNECTING MINISTRY ASSISTANT - SUNDAYS

We are looking for an enthusiastic and energetic person with good administrative skills to provide practical help and logistical support for our volunteers in Sunday services. A love for the church and people is essential plus full fluency in English and good attention to detail. Hours are 8:30 am to 1:30 pm every Sunday.

FULL-TIME COORDINATOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We are looking for a full-time Coordinator of Children's Ministry. If you have a great heart for children and can relate well with parents, have relevant experience, enjoy organising, and can put in a lot of care and detailed preparation for our weekly Sunday Kids Club and special events, we would love to hear from you.

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 or 'Friends of Hong Kong Charities Inc' for US tax receipts.

Enquiries: giving@islandecc.hk

GENERAL OFFERING YEAR TO DATE (33 WEEKS)

Budget	\$48.1M
Giving	\$54.8M
Variance	\$6.7M (13.9%)

LAST 4 WEEKS UPDATE Thousands HKD

WEEKLY	31 Mar	2 Apr	9 Apr	16 Apr
Budget	1,458	1,458	1,458	1,458
Giving	8,225	828	982	747
Variance	6,767	(630)	(476)	(711)