

January 6, 2019

this way's prayer

# Power Play

Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to Jesus with her sons, bowing down and making a request of Him. And He said to her, "What do you wish?" She said to Him, "Command that in Your kingdom these two sons of mine may sit one on Your right and one on Your left." But Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?" They said to Him, "We are able." He said to them, "My cup you shall drink; but to sit on My right and on My left, this is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by My Father."

<sup>24</sup> And hearing this, the ten became indignant with the two brothers.<sup>25</sup> But Jesus called them to Himself and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. It is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be last, and so shall the Son of Man. Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Matthew 20:20-28

## HIGHLIGHTS

### TODAY PRAYER AFTER SERVICE

We want to encourage the church to set aside time to pray today wherever you are and if you need to pray with people, feel free to approach our prayer volunteers at the front. Kindly leave the sanctuary quietly and respect those who are praying.

### TODAY NEWCOMERS LUNCH

If you're new to the church and want to know more about Island ECC, please join us for Newcomers Lunch. 1:15pm, 10/F Living Room.

### JAN 9 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: KNOWING GOD'S COVENANT

God enters into a binding agreement with His people and always keeps His promises. Trusting Him as a covenant partner frees us from the bondage of worry and anxiety. This study helps transform the way you read the Scriptures. 10 am – 1:30 pm, 11/F Classroom. For more info, email [women@islandecc.hk](mailto:women@islandecc.hk)

### JAN 15 MEN'S FRATERNITY SPRING LAUNCH

Why Men's Fraternity? Why fight together? Why become better men? Come find out at our launch and start 2019 in a positive trajectory. 7 – 9 pm, 10/F Auditorium. For more info, email [men@islandecc.hk](mailto:men@islandecc.hk).

### JAN 16 THE VILLAGE SPRING LAUNCH

Come and be part of an authentic sisterhood at Island ECC! This Spring, we are exploring our place and purpose in Christ, looking at how to respond to God's call to live life to the full. Join us at our launch to find out more. 7:30 – 9:30 pm, 2/F Auditorium. For more info, email [women@islandecc.hk](mailto:women@islandecc.hk).

### JAN 24 HOW TO SHINE THROUGH SINGLE PARENTING

Please join us for a dinner and discussion regarding raising children as a single parent. We know parenting is a tough job and want to partner with you on this journey through a panel of people who have navigated single parenting to encourage you. 7:30 – 9:30 pm, 11/F The Well.

### JAN 27 LOVING THE CITY: SEMINAR (PART ONE)

Hope of the City is hosting a series of poverty awareness seminars throughout the year titled "Loving the City". We have invited 4 speakers who are actively involved in poverty alleviation and each representing a major sector: the government, NGO, church and corporate. Join us 1:30 – 3 pm, 10/F Auditorium. For more info, email [info@hopeofthecity.com](mailto:info@hopeofthecity.com)

### FEB 22-23 GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Join us for a dynamic leadership training event, featuring world-class speakers via videocast as well as live local influencers. Learn how to maximise your impact and inspire those around you. Advanced ticket price of \$450 now available. To register, visit [glshk.org](http://glshk.org)

## CLASSES & SUPPORT GROUPS

To register and for more information on the following classes, go to [islandecc.hk/classes](http://islandecc.hk/classes)

### TODAY OLD TESTAMENT: TOO OLD, ODD, DIFFICULT?

The Old Testament always presents a challenge to Christians because it seems so distant and distinct from the New Testament. Join Martin Radford in this 4-week class to obtain a panoramic view of the Old Testament and understand its relevance today. 9:30 – 11 am, 10/F Classroom.

### JAN 20 GROW DISCIPLESHIP INFO SESSION

Course Dates: 10 February to 14 April

This is a journey to strengthen your walk with God by teaching you how to have quiet time with joy, pray with faith, read the Bible with understanding, fellowship with love, and witness with confidence. 1:30 – 3 pm, 10/F Auditorium. Simple lunch provided.

## OUTREACH

### TODAY SUPPORTED PARTNER COMMISSIONING

We have the privilege of sending out Quinnie Kwok to serve the Lord in Mongolia. Quinnie heard her call to missions on our Short-Term Outreach Trips and has grown in her faith here at Island ECC. To learn more about what she will do and how to pray and support her, email [go@islandecc.hk](mailto:go@islandecc.hk)

### JAN 19 NORTH POINT ELDERLY HOME VISITS

As Chinese New Year draws near, Hope of the City will partner with Hong Kong Family Welfare Society to care for elderlies living in Healthy Village Estate, North Point. We are looking for 15 volunteers to serve between 9 am – 12 pm. For more info, email [volunteer@hopeofthecity.com](mailto:volunteer@hopeofthecity.com)

### MAR 2 LOW-INCOME FAMILIES REGULAR HOME VISITS

Sham Shui Po district is home to many low-income families with a living space no larger than 200 sq. ft. Hope of the City is looking for volunteers to care for these families on a monthly basis as we believe that through consistent relationship building the love of Christ will be manifested. For more info, email [volunteer@hopeofthecity.com](mailto:volunteer@hopeofthecity.com)

## OPPORTUNITIES

For more information about the below opportunities, go to [islandecc.hk/about-us/employment-opportunities](http://islandecc.hk/about-us/employment-opportunities). If you are interested, send your CV and cover letter to [hr@islandecc.hk](mailto:hr@islandecc.hk).

- Web Developer
- Creative Video Producer

#### GENERAL OFFERING

##### LAST 2 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)

	24 Dec	31 Dec
Budget		
Giving	1,532	1,532
Variance	2,043	1,264
	511	(268)

##### YEAR TO DATE

(18 Weeks)

Budget	
Giving	\$27.6M
Variance	\$22.7M
	<b>\$-4.9M (-17.8%)</b>

#### BOLD FAITH FUND

Received	\$134.3 M	Outstanding Rtdged	\$18.2 M
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#### 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 Hong Kong tax receipts or 'Friends of Hong Kong Charities Inc' for US tax receipts.

Enquiries: [giving@islandecc.hk](mailto:giving@islandecc.hk)