

February 17, 2019

MAN ON THE STREET

## Through the Roof

A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that He had come home. <sup>2</sup> They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and He preached the word to them. <sup>3</sup> Some men came, bringing to Him a paralysed man, carried by four of them. <sup>4</sup> Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. <sup>5</sup> When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralysed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

<sup>6</sup> Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, <sup>7</sup> "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

<sup>8</sup> Immediately Jesus knew in His spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and He said to them, "Why are you thinking these things? <sup>9</sup> Which is easier: to say to this paralysed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk?' <sup>10</sup> But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So He said to the man, <sup>11</sup> "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." <sup>12</sup> He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

Mark 2:1-12

Never leave home without it:

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**Are you new here?**  
**We'd love to invite you to our Newcomers Lunch.**

Let's get to know each other!

Name

Email

Phone

✂ TEAR OFF THIS CORNER AND  
PLACE INTO THE OFFERING BAG



## HIGHLIGHTS

### TOMORROW ALPHA COURSE SPRING 2019

Alpha is for anyone who's curious about the Christian faith. It is a 10-week series of interactive sessions that explores a relationship with Jesus. The sessions are designed to encourage debate and explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, honest and informal environment. Dinner will be provided. 7 - 9:45 pm, 2/F Auditorium.

### FEB 19 MEN'S FRATERNITY

Come and be part of an authentic brotherhood at Island ECC and as we continue to become better men. Let's fight together for our spiritual growth in our personal, family, career and more this spring. Tuesdays, 7:00 - 9:30 pm, 10/F Auditorium.

### FEB 20 THE VILLAGE

Be part of the sisterhood we are building at Island ECC. Journey with other gals in the same life stage throughout the season as you engage at the interface between God's freeing truths and your life. Wednesdays, 7:00 - 10 pm, 2/F Auditorium.

### FEB 24 KIDS CLUB VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT

We are recruiting volunteers for Kids Club! If you have a passion for kids, there are a variety of volunteer roles we are looking to fill. As our ministry continues to grow and expand, we need 20 additional volunteers. Join the Kids Club team now! Contact [kidsclub@islandecc.hk](mailto:kidsclub@islandecc.hk) or come visit us on 9/F for more information.

### FEB 24 MARVEL MINISTRY VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT

We are recruiting Marvel Buddies for children with special needs. We need consistent, caring volunteers to be a one-on-one Buddy as our Marvel Kids attend Nursery, Kids Club or Island Youth. Please contact us at [marvelkids@islandecc.hk](mailto:marvelkids@islandecc.hk).

### MAR 3 NEWCOMERS LUNCH

If you're new to the church and want to know more about Island ECC, please join us for a Newcomers Lunch on Sunday, March 3, 1:15 pm, 10/F Living Room.

### MAR 7 DATE NIGHT: THE MARRIAGE COURSE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

This Date Night is perfect for married couples who have never been through any marriage material or those who want a refresher! In each session, while dinner is served, couples will watch video material from the Alpha marriage course followed by discussion. The cost is \$200 per couple and you can register at any Connect Counter. Starts Thursday, 7 March, 7:30 - 9:30 pm, 10/F Auditorium. For more info, email [family@islandecc.hk](mailto:family@islandecc.hk)

### MAR 9 WALKING WITH GOD

God is everywhere and especially in nature, so join us for a special time with Him while cherishing His creation walking to The Peak at 9:30am. Register at [islandecc.hk/walkwithgod](http://islandecc.hk/walkwithgod). For more info, email [prayer@islandecc.hk](mailto:prayer@islandecc.hk).

### MAR 15 RENEW WORSHIP NIGHT

Have you noticed we're not yet perfect? This life I'm living is not mine. It's Him in me (Galatians 2). He is infinitely Holy, perpetually good, endlessly faithful - And He is never not with us. Renew Worship Night is a special evening of worship and on 15 March, we're honoured to have special guest speaker Skye Jethani join us. Location: North Point KFWA Building, 210 Java Road. Doors open at 7pm.

## CLASSES & SUPPORT GROUPS

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

### TODAY THE FOUR GOSPELS AND MARK'S PERSPECTIVE

Why are there four gospels? Are these historically reliable? Are there contradictions in these? Join Pastor Rick Bates and learn the latest from biblical scholars as we dive into the life of Jesus with an in-depth look especially from Mark's perspective. 3 - 4:30 pm 10/F Classroom.

### FEB 21 THRIVE WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP

Are you feeling worried, lost, discouraged or empty? Are things not as good as you think they should be? Would you like to thrive rather than just survive? If so, this group is for you. Plan to join with similar women for a 7-week support group led by trained counsellors. This Thursday, 7:30 - 9:30pm, 8/F Living Room.

### FEB 24 BOOK OF JONAH

This 4-week course offers a profound glimpse into the conflict that occurs when God calls resistant believers to His mission. More important, it underscores the depths of His compassion to redeem the lost and His workers. 9:30 - 11 am, 10/F Classroom.

### MAR 13 WALK THRU THE LETTERS OF HEBREWS TO JUDE

Come join Pastor Albert Ng in this 6-week class to explore and apply the precious information and theology of the 8 letters starting from the letter to the Hebrews to Jude. Registration begins on February 17 at 1/F Connect Counter. \$400 fee includes a textbook. 7:30 - 9:30 pm, 11/F Classroom. Limited seats.

## OUTREACH

### TODAY LIVING A LIFE ON MISSION WITH GOD

People know about the purpose-driven life, but did you know that God also wants you to have a mission-centred life? Join us for an inspiring talk led by Max Chismon, Founder of the Simply Mobilizing Movement, which aims to see every believer on mission with God. 1:30 - 3 pm, 10/F Auditorium.

## 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
- Graphic Design Assistant

#### GENERAL OFFERING

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

Budget	4 Feb	11 Feb
Giving	1,532	1,532
Variance	4,726	1,130
	3,194	(402)

##### YEAR TO DATE

(24 Weeks)

Budget	
Giving	\$36.8M
Variance	\$34.4M
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#### BOLD FAITH FUND

Received	\$138.3 M	Outstanding Pledged	\$18.6 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)