

April 14, 2019

ELEVATOR PITCH

Why Surrender All?

"Why do Christians give so much? We love because God first loved us, and so we also give – because God has given so much to us. The Bible says, "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him will have eternal life."

We give out of thankfulness for everything we have received from God, not out of guilt or obligation or out of the misguided hope that it will make us richer.

We give in order to help others, making the church the largest charitable entity in the world!

Let me flip it back to you: do you give to anything? This was a good chat - let's definitely continue it soon, ok?"

Stepping out of the elevator and into life:

Live your life as _____.

Steer towards _____.

Switch from defence to _____.

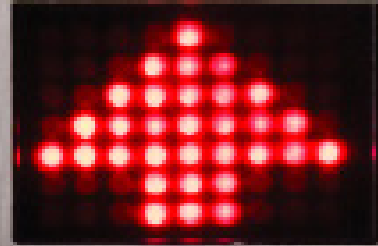
The best witness is _____.

Listen for the question beneath _____.

We love because God first loved us (1 John 4:19), and so we also give, because God has given so much to us.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16



Are you new here?
We'd love to invite you to our Newsletters Look!

Let's get to know each other!

Name

Email

Phone

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Please use the opt-out link

HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY SUPPORTED PARTNER

Our Supported Partner, Systematic Asian Leadership Training (SALT), serves where church growth is exploding, education is low, and poverty is common. They are dedicated to creating biblically wholesome materials that are tailor-made for target locations so that nationals become the primary teachers who equip church leaders. For more info, contact go@islandecc.hk

TODAY BABY DEDICATION

We are delighted today to join the Kowalczyk family in the dedication of their child to the Lord: Tiantian Tiffany Kowalczyk, born 9 April 2018 to parents Darek & Dorothy (9:30am, 2/F). We warmly welcome all family and friends visiting for this occasion.

TODAY LOVING THE CITY SEMINAR (PART TWO)

Hope of the City is hosting our second part of our poverty awareness "Loving the City" seminars. We have invited Ricky Yu, founder of an NGO called LightBe, to share with us about how the government, property owners and NGOs are working together to tackle Hong Kong's poverty issues. Join us 1:30 - 3 pm, 10/F Auditorium or email us at info@hopeofthecity.com to learn more.

APR 19 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Join us for one of our Good Friday services as we reflect on the significance and meaning of the Cross, the sacrifice Jesus made for us, and His ultimate victory. Please reserve your seat for one of two service times, 4:30 pm or 7:30 pm, at islandecc.hk/goodfriday

APR 28 KAIROS COURSE

Want to deepen your understanding of missions? Kairos is a 10-week course that helps us learn about missions from biblical, historical, strategic, and cross-cultural perspectives. Join us on Sundays, 28 April to 30 June, 4:30 - 7 pm, 11/F Classroom. Register at 1/F Connect Counter. \$500 fee includes textbooks. For more info, email go@islandecc.hk

APR 29 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: HOW DO WE WALK THE WALK WE TALK?

You are surrounded by a world that's watching you, waiting to see if what you say is true - if you really believe what you say and walk the walk you talk. Join this study to discover what God says about the lifestyle of a true believer. Mondays, 12:30 - 2:00 pm, Worldwide House, Central. For more info, email women@islandecc.hk

MAY 2 JOIN A NEW CARE GROUP

Not in a Care Group yet? Come join our 6-week Care Group study that follows the Bon Voyage sermon series! You will meet new friends and have fun studying together! Sign up at islandecc.hk/cgform and we will find you a good Care Group!

MAY 18 PRAYER RETREAT AT 633

In a real way, the church is our family. Join us in praying for our church family and each other. There will be times for both private and corporate prayer. \$50 cost pays for materials and lunch. Register at islandecc.hk/retreat633. Hope to see you at 10am on the 2/F. For details, email prayer@islandecc.hk

JUN 1-2 WOMEN'S RETREAT (SAVE THE DATE)

Ladies, we are excited to let you know that a very special retreat is in the works for you! Have you ever wondered whether there is more to life? What is that "more"? What is holding you back? How do you move towards it? Watch this space to find out! Registration opens on 28 April.

CLASSES & SUPPORT GROUPS

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

MAY 16 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. 7:30 - 9:30pm, 10/F Living Room.

OUTREACH

MAY 5 SUPPORTING REFUGEE MINISTRY

The Refugee Ministry is looking for Bible donations to support an Outreach event. New or used English Bibles are welcomed. ESV, NIV, or Good News Translations are preferred. If anyone is interested to support this event, please contact go@islandecc.hk by May 5.

JUL 27 MONGOLIA MISSION TRIP APPLICATION OPEN

Registration Deadline: April 21

Join us as we return to Mongolia to serve a hundred underprivileged children at a Summer Camp (July 27-Aug 3). We will also reach the impoverished groups from the slum districts inside the capital city, Ulaanbaatar (Aug 4-10). For more information and application to one or both weeks, email go@islandecc.hk

OPPORTUNITIES

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

- Creative Video Producer
- Graphic Design Assistant
- Bold Faith Administrator / Executive Assistant
- Financial System Analyst
- Executive Assistant
- Church Database Administrator
- Nursery Assistant

GENERAL OFFERING

LAST 2 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)

	31 Mar	8 Apr
Budget	1,532	1,532
Giving	5,705	1,709
Variance	4,173	177

YEAR TO DATE

	(32 Weeks)
Budget	\$49.0M
Giving	\$53.6M
Variance	\$4.6M (9.4%)

BOLD FAITH FUND

Received	\$147.6 M	Outstanding Pledged	\$19.2 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