

October 6, 2019

ARE YOU OK?



## Caring Whispers

*Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 4:4-7

*<sup>3</sup> Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, <sup>4</sup> while he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, Lord," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors." <sup>5</sup> Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep.*

*<sup>11</sup> The Lord said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. <sup>12</sup> After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper.*

1 Kings 19:3-5, 11-12



Four mistakes that fuel anxiety:

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**Are you new here?**

We'd love to invite you to our Newcomers Lunch!

Share your contact details via QR code or fill in below and place in the offering bag

Name



Email

Phone

# HIGHLIGHTS

## TODAY PRAYER AFTER SERVICE

We want to encourage you to set aside time to pray. Our prayer volunteers would love to pray for you.

## TODAY RE|ENGAGE MARRIAGE COURSE INFO SESSION

Re|Engage is an intensive marriage course that offers hope to marriages by helping couples move toward oneness through stories of grace and teaching. 3 pm, 11/F The Well. Register at [islandecc.hk/re-engage](http://islandecc.hk/re-engage)

## TODAY PARENT TALK: SELF-REGULATION PARENTING

Learn from Deborah Holcombe as she shares about “changing the lens” that we use to parent our children. She will teach us how “self-regulation” can help us recognise, address and aid our children when they, or we as parents, become stressed. 1:30 pm, 10/F Living Room. Register online.

## TODAY KIDS CLUB VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

If you have not yet attended a volunteer orientation, please join our upcoming orientation. Understand your role better as a Kids Club volunteer! Light lunch provided. 1:15 pm, 9/F Worship Hall. RSVP at [kidsclub@islandecc.hk](mailto:kidsclub@islandecc.hk)

## OCT 1-31 HOPE OCTOBER

This month, Hope of the City has lined up different opportunities for you to get a glimpse of how we are regularly serving the underserved community. Hope starts with God and healing begins with us, so join us in being a beacon of love in this city. To sign-up, pick up a tear-off card at Connect Counter or visit [hopeofthecity.com/volunteer](http://hopeofthecity.com/volunteer)

## OCT-DEC MEN'S FRATERNITY

Our Men's Ministry, called Men's Fraternity (MF), meets on Tuesdays. Join us for food, fellowship and fighting the good fight together. 7:30 pm, 10/F Worship Hall. For more info, email [men@islandecc.hk](mailto:men@islandecc.hk)

## OCT-DEC UPCOMING EVENTS FOR WOMEN

Check out the upcoming events for The Village this fall:

- The Village, Wednesdays, 7:30 pm, 2/F Worship Hall
  - Mom's Group, Thursdays, 9:30 am, 10/F Living Room
  - Bible Study: The Book of Genesis, Oct 9, 10 am, 11/F Classroom
- For more info, email [women@islandecc.hk](mailto:women@islandecc.hk)

## OCT 13 KIDS CLUB PARENT'S MEET AND GREET

Kids Club invites you to join Parent's Meet & Greet on Sunday, 13 October. Come and meet the team and other Kids Club volunteers. Light refreshment will be provided. RSVP at [kidsclub@islandecc.hk](mailto:kidsclub@islandecc.hk)

## OCT 20 LOVING THE CITY SEMINAR (PART FOUR)

Hope of the City is hosting the last part of our poverty awareness seminar titled “Loving the City”. We have invited Kevin Lai, Director of APAC Equity Sales at Bank of America Merrill Lynch and member of the philanthropy board, who will share on the corporation’s role in tackling our city’s poverty issues from 1:30 pm – 3 pm, 10/F Auditorium. Register at [info@hopeofthecity.com](mailto:info@hopeofthecity.com)

## NOV 8-9 MEN'S RETREAT: THE GREAT GETAWAY

Come join us for the Annual Men's Retreat “The Great Getaway” where you'll have the opportunity to unwind and have fun as you meet other men. Rest, restore and re-energise through spending time in nature or reflecting at the pool and worshipping God in your community of brothers! Friday, 9:30 am – Saturday, 5:00 pm.

# CLASSES & SUPPORT GROUPS

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

## TODAY BOOK OF NEHEMIAH

Life is a battle. Through the book of Nehemiah, we can learn how to win those battles with the strength of the Lord and respond to God's call. Join Michelle Lo in this 4-week dynamic class to learn the essence of this book and live out your calling. 9:30 am, 7/F Classroom.

## OCT 13 NAVIGATING YOUR FINANCES GOD'S WAY

How can I take control of my finances and better plan for the future? What does it mean to be faithful with the money that God has entrusted to me? Come explore the answers to these questions with Bryant Stone in this insightful 9-week course. Register at 1/F Connect Counter. Fee: \$400. 11:30 am, 7/F Classroom.

## OCT 20 INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY

Learn to study the Bible firsthand and discover its treasures. Designed for those who want to dig deeper into God's Word, this course comes with homework and reading assignments to help you reach your goal of decoding the Bible and doing God's Word. Sign up at 1/F Connect Counter. Fee: \$300. 3 - 4:30 pm, 10/F Classroom.

# OUTREACH

## OCT 19 REFUGEE AWARENESS AND PRAYER

Interested to serve the Refugee community or just want to learn more about the refugee situation in Hong Kong? Join us for this time of learning and prayer in support of our refugee brothers and sisters. 11:30 am, 11/F Well. Please register at [islandecc.hk/refugeeprayer](http://islandecc.hk/refugeeprayer)

# JOB OPPORTUNITIES

For more information about the below job 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).

- Coordinator of Youth Ministry
- Programme Coordinator (Hope of the City)
- Pastoral Assistant

## GENERAL OFFERING

### LAST 2 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)

Budget	23 Sep	30 Sep	Budget	(5 Weeks)
Giving	1,585	1,585	Giving	\$7.9M
Variance	1,159	1,064	Variance	\$5.3M
	(426)	(521)		-\$2.6M -32.9%

## BOLD FAITH FUND

### Received

\$159.9 M

### Pledges to be received

\$16.9 M

## 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: [finance@islandecc.hk](mailto:finance@islandecc.hk)