

November 24, 2019

SEEK FIRST

## Valleys of Doubt

*“Look at the nations and watch—and be utterly amazed.  
For I am going to do something in your days that you would  
not believe, even if you were told. Habakkuk 1:5*

3 Things to do while in the valley:

*I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts;  
I will look to see what He will say to me, and what answer I  
am to give to this complaint. <sup>2</sup> Then the LORD replied:  
Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so  
that a herald may run with it. <sup>3</sup> For the revelation awaits an  
appointed time. Hab 2:1-3*

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

3 Ways to “live by faith”:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ to what God has done.

*LORD, I have heard of Your fame; I stand in awe of Your deeds,  
LORD. Repeat them in our day. Hab 3:2*

2. Resist \_\_\_\_\_ at what God is doing.

*I heard and my heart pounded, my lips quivered at the sound;  
decay crept into my bones, and my legs trembled. Hab 3:16*

3. Choose to \_\_\_\_\_.

*Yet I will wait patiently for the day of calamity to come on the  
nation invading us. Hab 3:16*

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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 NEWCOMERS LUNCH

If you're new to the church and want to know more about Island ECC, please join us for a Newcomers Lunch, 1:15 pm, 10/F Living Room. If we can help you with anything else, please email [new@islandecc.hk](mailto:new@islandecc.hk)

### TODAY ISLAND YOUTH THANKSGIVING

Come join us for our annual Thanksgiving lunch! All Island Youth families are invited to celebrate Thanksgiving with us today at 1:30 pm. Island Youth will provide the turkeys and cutlery, but we are asking all families to provide a side dish that will feed at least 10 people. Register at [islandecc.hk/iythanksgiving2019](http://islandecc.hk/iythanksgiving2019)

### DEC 1 BUILD-A-CHRISTMAS-BAG

Spread Christ's love by assembling Christmas bags for women in our Filipino and Indonesian ministries. Come together with family to fill a bag with goodies and write a handwritten note. Children are welcome! Join us Dec 1 or 15, 1:30 pm, 10/F Worship Hall. Limited spots, families with children will be prioritised. Register at [islandecc.hk/buildachristmasbag](http://islandecc.hk/buildachristmasbag)

### DEC 1 QUENCH CHRISTMAS BOOK SALE

Come pick up some Christmas gifts for your family and friends at the Quench Christmas Book Sale on Dec 1 and Dec 8. Special discounts on selected adult and children's titles while stocks last.

### DEC 8 BAPTISM CLASSES

If you're interested in being baptised, please plan to attend the 2-Sunday baptism class on Dec 8 and 15, 9:30 am, 11/F Living Room A. Sign up at [islandecc.hk/baptism](http://islandecc.hk/baptism)

### DEC 8 KIDS CLUB FX: CHRISTMAS

Come join us at Christmas Kids Club FX for the biggest family party of the year. We will be highlighting "Joy" – finding a way to be happy, even when things don't go your way. Bring your family and invite your friends to this Christmas party! 1:30 pm, 1/F Worship Hall. Invitations are available for pickup on 9/F Welcome Desk.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### SUNDAY PHOTOGRAPHY VOLUNTEERS

There's a lot happening around church on Sundays that we often miss and we'd love for you to capture these God-filled moments with your camera! Sunday photography could include worship, sermon, classes, baptisms, or anything fun that's happening at church. Sign up by email at [serve@islandecc.hk](mailto:serve@islandecc.hk)

### SUNDAY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Serving is at the heart of everything we do at Island ECC. It reflects the heart of God as Jesus declared that even He came to serve. If you want to help us make Sunday services awesome by making church warm and welcoming, brewing coffee, or baking, register at [islandecc.hk/volunteer](http://islandecc.hk/volunteer)

### PRODUCTION TEAM VOLUNTEERS

Do you have an eye for detail? Production volunteers help ensure the worship and preaching is delivered with excellence and clarity! If you have experience in working entertainment/corporate events, join our Production Team. We're looking for individuals like you! Find out more about the range of opportunities, by emailing [crew@islandecc.hk](mailto:crew@islandecc.hk)

### MARVEL MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

We are currently recruiting consistent and caring volunteers to serve in Marvel Ministry, our special needs ministry. A Marvel Buddy will be partnered with a child with special needs to offer care, guidance and support as they hear about the love of God. For more information contact: [marvelkids@islandecc.hk](mailto:marvelkids@islandecc.hk)

## CLASSES & SUPPORT GROUPS

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

### TODAY EVANGELISM

If the opportunity came up right now, how confident would you feel about leading someone to Christ? Join Pastor Sherman Chau in this 4-week class to understand the basics of the Gospel and be better prepared to share the Good News. 9:30 am, 7/F Classroom.

### TODAY FOUNDATIONAL FOUR: THEOLOGY 101

Have you ever been asked, "What do you believe about God Jesus/sin/heaven?" Theology 101 is the second part of the Foundational Four courses, taught by Pastor Eric Farmer, and designed for those who want to have a clear understanding of the main topics in the Bible and core beliefs of our Christian faith. Register at Connect Counter. Course fee: \$100. 3 pm, 10/F Classroom.

### DEC 1 CHRISTMAS RECOVERED

Christmas is a favourite festival but its origins and significance have been tragically lost over the years. Join Martin Radford in recovering the realities of the birth of Jesus to discover more of the amazing faith, humility, and obedience of those chosen to serve Him. 9:30 am, 10/F Classroom.

## OUTREACH

### DEC 1 JAPAN OUTREACH PRAYER GATHERING

Japan ranks 11th as the most populous country in the world, yet 98% of its people is unreached. To all who have a heart for the people and care for the spiritual well-being of this nation, let's get together to pray. Join us at our prayer gathering, 2 to 4pm, 8/F Living Room.

## 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

### GIVING TO ISLAND ECC

Generosity is at the heart of God, and it's our privilege and calling to imitate His generosity with all He's entrusted us. Every contribution goes to ministries which change lives in the church, the city and around the world.

To give electronically, or for information regarding Hong Kong or U.S. tax receipts, please refer to the QR code or visit [islandecc.hk/giving](http://islandecc.hk/giving).

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



### GENERAL OFFERING

LAST 2 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)			YEAR TO DATE (12 Weeks)	
	11 Nov	18 Nov	Budget	
Budget	1,585	1,585		\$19.0M
Giving	1,117	927		\$14.0M
Variance	(468)	(658)	<b>Variance</b>	<b>-\$5.0M -26.3%</b>

### BOLD FAITH FUND

Received	\$160.9 M	Pledges to be received	\$16.4 M
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