

COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

TODAY Prayer After Service

Come pray with our intercessors who are available on all floors and all services.

TODAY Bringing Your Soul to Work

This one-off class will explore how we can devise a game plan to find "true significance" in our everyday work. Whether you are in finance, media or an NGO, God has a plan for each of us. Join Ed Chin at 2pm, 8/F, Classroom A. For details and registration, visit www.islandecc.hk/classes.

TODAY - MAR 24 Letters of the Beloved Apostle

1, 2 and 3 John are practical letters addressed to Christian readers. They warn against the dangers of false teaching and exhort believers to lives of obedience to God and love for their brothers and sisters. Join our pastoral intern Kin Chiu in a survey of these 3 heart warming letters. Class starts 11.30am, 8/F. For details and registration, visit www.islandecc.hk/classes.

TODAY - MAR 24 Answering Islam Class

This four-week course from 2.30 to 4.30pm, 8/F, Classroom C will equip you to communicate with Muslims effectively. It's also a pre-requisite if you plan to go on a mission trip to the Middle East this year. For details and registration, visit www.islandecc.hk/classes.

MAR 6 100 Steps Thru the Old Testament

This class will help you learn the great OT stories in 100 steps. Whether you are exploring the Bible for the first time or adding a new teaching tool for your ministry, you will benefit from this 10-week class. Wednesdays, 7.30pm, 9/F, Lime Room. For details and registration, visit www.islandecc.hk/classes.

MAR 10 Fuse: Dinner After 5pm Service

Young Adults! Want to meet and/or hang out with some other young adults? Join us for a dinner immediately after the 5pm Sunday service. We will meet in Quench by the Connect Counter and go from there.

MAR 13 - 20 Lady in Waiting

Are you a single woman waiting for Mr. Right? This course focuses on the principles of becoming a woman of God. Join Elisa Ng for a Christian perspective on how to live a fruitful single life, and for tips on men-women relationships. Class starts on Wednesdays, 7.30pm, 8/F, Classroom C. For details and registration, visit www.islandecc.hk/classes.

MAR 17 Family Easter Picnic

Join us for our first ever Family Easter Picnic to be held up at the Victoria Peak Garden on Mount Austin Road, 11.30am-4pm. More information at <http://bit.ly/XxmfDW>, so please mark your calendars and remember to pick up your tickets on 9/F. It's sure to be fun for the entire family!

SIGN UP Easter Outreach at Tung Tau Prison — MEN only needed

Can you use your Easter Sunday to bless and fellowship with inmates? We are looking for men to volunteer for an outreach at Tung Tau prison on Sunday morning, 31 March. This is a chance for those who want to try out prison ministry to join. Please email flo@islandecc.hk with your full name and HKID – you must apply by March 4.

SIGN UP Japan Mission Trip

We are returning to Japan, May 11-20, to continue supporting the community development work in post-tsunami Tohoku region and in urban ministries in the big city. Less than 1% of the population know Jesus. Come join us if you have a heart to serve or a burden for the unreached. Applications open from now until March 17 at www.islandecc.hk/ministries/missions/.



WATCH FOR... ON THE CITY

Production Volunteers Needed

The Production CREW is looking for people with a desire to serve during worship services. Experience with video production, worship media or powerpoint are beneficial, but not necessary. Please contact jason@islandecc.hk or visit The City for details.

NEW TO ISLAND ECC?

1 MEET US AT THE CONNECT COUNTER ON 1/F

We are so glad that you're here today and would love to get to know you! The Connect Counter is located on the 1F and volunteers are there to answer any questions you might have about Island ECC and its different ministries and events.

2 JOIN THE CITY

The City is the online connection point for Island ECC. It's limited to the people who attend our church and over 1,000 people are already using this fantastic tool. By creating an account and logging in, you'll have access to weekly devotionals, updates on events, the chance to connect with others and more!

3 CHECK OUR WEBSITE

By visiting www.islandecc.hk, you'll have access to information about all our ministries, as well as a broad spectrum of resources - including video podcasts of sermons.

WHAT IT MEANS TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN

HE LOVES

God loves you because he chooses to. "God wasn't attracted to you and didn't choose you because you were big and important... He did it out of sheer love..." (Deut. 7:7-8). He loves you so much that...

HE GAVE

He gave Jesus, His one and only Son. While we do wrong things daily, Jesus is sinless. Though sinless, Jesus took our sin. He died on the cross in our place. Our response to this great gift is simple...

WE BELIEVE

We trust Jesus to do what we can't. We don't trust our own efforts to save us. We can't save ourselves. We don't place our trust in other people to save us. We believe in Him.

WE LIVE

God gives us brand-new life. We have joy because of his Spirit living within us. Little by little his Spirit changes us to be more like Jesus. No guilt in life, no fear of death, He gives life, now ... and for eternity.

You can tell God you accept Him now.

"Father, I believe you love me. You gave your one and only Son so I can live forever with you. Apart from you, I die. With you, I live. I choose life. I choose you."

photos: Filipino Ministries Christmas Celebration, featuring performance by iGlee



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Paradise: Lost & Regained

³² Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed.

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence?"

⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

⁴³ Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Luke 23:32, 39-43

"Salvation is free, but not cheap." Dietrich Bonhoeffer

The Divine Offer

1. Forgiveness
2. Paradise: Promise and Hope

The Human Response

1. Confession
2. Acknowledgement
3. Trust