

# COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

## TODAY Fuse: Dinner After 5!

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

## TODAY Mongolia Mission Trip Info Session

God's love is peace to the broken hearted, faith for the widow, hope for the orphan and strength for the weak. Come join our team to Mongolia this summer. An info session will be held at 2pm, 8/F. Susan Griffin, a missionary from Mongolia, will be joining us and sharing.

## APR 19-20 Shine Women's Conference - Last Sunday to Register

Discover all you're meant to be: content, confident, courageous and connected! Join us for our citywide Shine Women's Conference and invite your friends (for every 4 registrations purchased, get a 5th free to bring another friend along!). Sign up at the Connect Counter, or at [www.islandecc.hk/shine](http://www.islandecc.hk/shine).

## APR 21 Hubei Mission Trip (Love English Camp) Info Session

The Love English Camp will be held in two cities in Hubei, June 29-July 3 and July 6-13. We are looking for brothers and sisters to join us who can demonstrate the love of God through teaching English, building relationships and caring for the students' spiritual needs. Training will be provided. Come to our information session for more details. 2.00pm, 8/F, Room B.

## APR 21 & 28 New Class: Internet Safety for Parents

How can parents guide their children to be aware of Internet safety and become more responsible, ethical and resilient web users? Pastor Tim will share practical strategies for safer use of the Internet and prevent cyber bullying. The same class is offered on April 21 at 9.30am and April 28 at 11.30am. Visit <http://www.islandecc.hk/classes/> for detail and registration.

## APR 26 FUSE: Losing Our Religion

Attention Young Adults: There have been some recent studies that show many people are now declaring with more conviction that they don't believe in God. Yet, at the same time, Christianity is still growing around the world. What's going on? Join us, 7.30pm, 9/F to explore this more!

## APR 27 Sports Fellowship Ultimate Frisbee Outing

The Sports Fellowship invites you to an Ultimate Frisbee outing, 10am-12noon, at Chinese International School. We will meet at 9.30am at the Tin Hau MTR Station. Tickets are \$20 covering water and frisbees for the event. Sign up at the Connect Counter or on The City.

## APR 28 - MAY 26 New Class: Life of Jesus

This 5 week class at 11.30am will delve into Mark's gospel and provide participants with an understanding and appreciation of the places Jesus walked on earth and how these related to his life and ministry. Visit <http://www.islandecc.hk/classes/> for detail and registration.

## MAY 4 Walking with God

Want to try walking with God? Join us hike where we also intentionally spend personal time with God and have fun. Meet us at Exchange Square Bus Terminal in Central at 10am. Register online at [www.islandecc.hk/prayerhike](http://www.islandecc.hk/prayerhike). For inquiries, email [prayer@islandecc.hk](mailto:prayer@islandecc.hk).



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## WATCH FOR... ON THE CITY

### Opportunities to serve with Hope Of The City in Sham Shui Po

- **Adopt-A-Family** — Volunteers needed to befriend and share the love of Christ to low-income families. Briefing session: April 28, 1.30pm, 8/F.
- **After-school Homework Help** — Cantonese-speaking volunteers needed to help low-income primary school aged students with their homework. Visit The City/Local Outreach for details. Email [volunteer@hopeofthecity.com](mailto:volunteer@hopeofthecity.com).

### Laundry Sermon Series & Care Group Study

Concurrent to our present 7-week sermon series, our care groups are working through the Laundry study guide. If you are not in a care group yet, we strongly encourage you to join one. To find a group near you, visit <http://www.islandecc.hk/connect-grow/care-groups/>

## 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](http://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

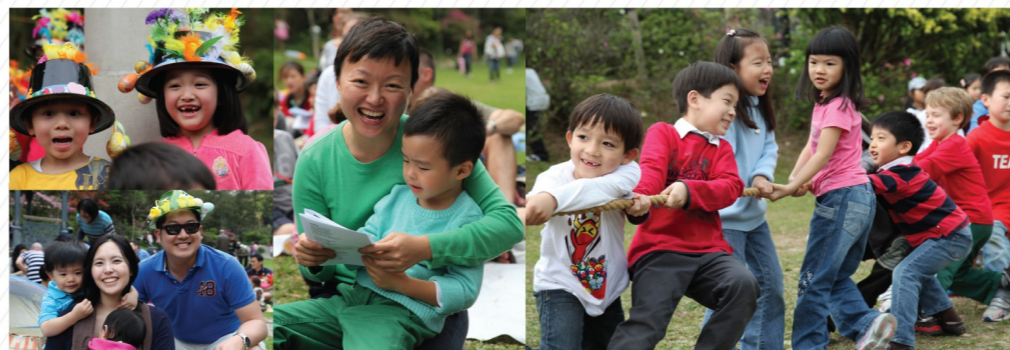
We trust Jesus to do what we can't. We don't trust our own efforts to save us. We can't save ourselves. We don't place our trust in other people to save us. We believe in Him.

### 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: Family Easter Picnic at the Peak



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## From Envy To Contentment

<sup>1</sup> Adam made love to his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, "With the help of the Lord I have brought forth a man." <sup>2</sup> Later she gave birth to his brother Abel. Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. <sup>3</sup> In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. <sup>4</sup> And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The Lord looked with favour on Abel and his offering, <sup>5</sup> but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favour. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast. <sup>6</sup> Then the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? <sup>7</sup> If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it." <sup>8</sup> Now Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field." While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him. <sup>9</sup> Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" "I don't know," he replied. "Am I my brother's keeper?" <sup>10</sup> The Lord said, "What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground. <sup>11</sup> Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. <sup>12</sup> When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth."

Genesis 4:1-12

### An analysis of envy

*A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy brings rottenness to the bones.*

Proverbs 14:30

### An antidote for envy

*I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation.*

Philippians 4:12

3 practical applications:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ more, \_\_\_\_\_ less.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ more, \_\_\_\_\_ less.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ more, \_\_\_\_\_ less.

### SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE MEMORY

*I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through Him who gives me strength.* Philippians 4:12-13