

COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

TODAY Communion

Please join us TODAY for a special time of communion as we pause to remember Christ's love and sacrifice for us. We invite all believers to take communion with us.

TODAY Training on the Hong Kong Social Welfare System

For those interested in local outreach, Hope of the City is coordinating a training session about Hong Kong's social welfare system, 1.15pm-3pm, 8/F, Room A. Information will be shared by a social worker from HK Family Welfare Society.

JULY 15 The Essentials of Effective Prayer

Join the women for a 6-week study on "The Essentials of Effective Prayer", a Precept inductive study of what the Scripture teaches about prayer. Limited to 6 people. 2pm-4pm on Mondays, July 15-August 19, 8/F, Room A. Register at www.islandecc.hk/ministries/women.

JULY 17 Grief Support Group

Have you lost a spouse, family member or friend and are grieving or don't even know where to start? Do you ever feel like people don't understand the pain you carry? This 6-week support group is a safe place to share and learn from each other the journey of grief everyone walks through sometime in their lives. Email flo@islandecc.hk or sign up at www.islandecc.hk/classes.

JULY 21 New Class: God@Work

Finding purpose at work is one of the greatest challenges we face. This 6-week course aims to equip Christians to live out their calling at work and find purpose in every aspect of their working lives. Class runs from July 21 to August 25, 2.45pm, 8/F, Room A. Visit www.islandecc.hk/classes/ for registration.

JULY 21 Japan Mission Trip Sharing

The work in Japan to expand God's kingdom continues even after the relief work comes to a close. We have seen how God has been doing a miraculous thing of bringing many more to know Christ. Come join us as we share stories about what God is doing in Tokyo, Tohoku and Kyoto, and how local ministries have expanded. 2pm, 8/F, Room B.

Donations Needed — Costumes and Paper Masks

The Mongolia Mission Team is looking for costumes for age 6 to 18 (traditional country costumes, professional attire) for a photo session with the underprivileged, and also paper masks for a spa session for ladies. Last collection — TODAY, 1/F. Thank you for your support.

English speakers and teachers needed for Summer Outreach Camps

Churches in Asia are using English Language Summer Camps to reach out and minister. Program and curriculums are in place - they just need people willing to step forward and get involved! Could that be you? Xiangmihu Church, Shenzhen — 22nd to 26th July; Tokyo Baptist Church — 11th to 18th August. Email go@islandecc.hk for more information.



Visit The City/Marketplace For —

Job Opportunities

- Executive Director - A new full-time position with Hope of the City.
- Nursery Staff for Sunday Kids Club.

Wanted — Volunteers

- Quench bookstore is looking for a few volunteers willing to serve as cashiers on the Ministry Support team on Sundays.

NEW TO ISLAND ECC?

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.

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!

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: Dinner and Worship at Passover Celebration



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Enduring Through Religion

¹⁶ So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

¹⁹ The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰ idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹ and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

Galatians 5:16-25

1. Understand your new _____
I am in Christ.

2. Embrace your new _____
The Spirit dwells within me.

3. Reject your _____ tendencies
There is no condemnation in Christ.

4. Don't use your _____
True freedom is the ability to do good.