

COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

AUG 31 Fuse Kickoff @ PLAY in Hong Kong

Our Young Adults Ministry (Fuse) will be kicking off the new year at PLAY from 1-3pm on August 31. PLAY is the premier indoor sports facility with indoor ski slopes baseball batting cages, live music and food. The cost is only \$150 and you can register at the Connect Counter. Our regular Fuse meetings will start 4 September, 7.30pm in the Studio, 1/F Kodak House.

SEP 1 Island Youth Kick Off

Middle School and High School students: Island Youth will be kicking off on Sunday, September 1. The Studio, located across the street at 321 Java Rd (1/F), has Sunday services at 9.30am and 11.30am. Check us out for more info about upcoming events, small groups, and more: www.islandecc.hk/ministries/students-11-18/.

SEP 8 Taiwan STO Sharing Session

Let's praise God for His miracles in Taitung, Taiwan. 24 baptisms and many more personal experiences with Christ. Come and share the joy from our team! 2-4pm, 8/F, Room A.

SEP 10 Men's Fraternity Fall Launch

We are launching our new Men's Fraternity semester on September 10, Tuesday, 7.30-9.30pm. This year there will be five relevant tracks for men to choose from, and as always a brotherhood of men to strive together with. Come out to hear more about these tracks and testimonies from men about how their lives have been changed.

SEP 14 Teaching Lab — Connecting Kids to Christ

Connecting kids to Christ starts with renewing your relationship with Jesus and developing clear goals and strategies to accomplish what God has called you to do. Come join us for a special day of fun and learning on September 14 from 9.30am-4.30pm on 2/F. To RSVP, please email Jacquie at jacqueline@islandecc.hk.

SEP 16 Fall Alpha Course Launch 2013

Looking for answers to life? The Alpha Course is a ten-week opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a laid-back environment. It is a practical introduction to the basics of Christianity centred around a meal, a talk and small group discussion. Mondays, 7pm, 2/F. Visit www.islandecc.hk/alpha for details and to sign up.

FUSE Singles Conference — Early Bird Registration

The single life. A life of excitement, independence, new beginnings and making memories. This will be a diverse conference (October, Friday 25 & Saturday 26), featuring international and local guest speakers and creative elements all centred around the many aspects of the single life! Early Bird Registration (\$250 per person) now at the 1/F Connect Counter.

Medical Professionals Wanted

The Xiamen outreach trip is in need of more medical professionals to join the team. Chiropractors, dentists, doctors, nurses, physiotherapists - any and all are needed! We partner with local teams to bring the good news to migrant factory workers through a medical clinic. Trip date is September 11-14. Contact sherman@islandecc.hk with interest or questions.

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New On The City

Volunteers needed

- Kids Club—We are looking for teachers, assistants and worship leaders to begin serving on September 1.
- Island Youth—We are seeking new, energetic volunteers to help share the love of God with students in middle school and high school.
- Indonesian Ministry—we are looking for a volunteer Guitar Instructor. See The Marketplace.

Job Opportunities

Coordinator of Youth Ministries. A full-time position with Island ECC Youth. Visit The Marketplace.

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: Medical Mission trip to Xiamen



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Life Amplified: Worship

Worship is the submission of all our nature to God. It is the quickening of conscience by God's holiness; the nourishment of mind with God's truth; the purifying of imagination by God's beauty; the opening of the heart to God's love; the surrender of will to God's purpose — and all of this gathered up in adoration!

William Temple, Anglican Archbishop

⁷ When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to Him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water ..."

¹⁹ "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹ "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and His worshippers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

²⁵ The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When He comes, He will explain everything to us." ²⁶ Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you, I am He."

John 4:7,9-10,19-25

Amplified worship must be _____ and _____

God _____ worship ... Worship _____ God.

Why do we call Sunday times "worship services"?

To amplify my worship, I must: