



COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

TODAY **Be Cool T-Shirts**

To celebrate our Be Cool series, Island ECC has designed unique, one-of-a-kind T-Shirts to serve as a fashionable reminder of the series. T-Shirts are available to purchase for \$100 for the following two Sundays at Quench on the 1/F (final orders taken on May 11).

TODAY **Prayer After Service**

After the services, feel free to approach our prayer intercessors who are available and happy to pray with you.

MAY 9 **Marriage Course**

This 6 week marriage course is perfect for couples who have never been through any marriage material or who want a refresher! In each session, dinner is served and during dinner couples watch video material from the Alpha marriage course. Afterwards, couples will talk through discussion questions with each other. Cost: \$200 per couple. Register at islandecc.hk/classes.

MAY 16-17 **Men's Conference — Advance Tickets Today**

Island ECC Men's Conference — HEAVYWEIGHTS: Becoming Men of Substance (Fri 7.30-9.30pm, Sat 9.30am-5.30pm) is about men journeying with other men to be inspired in becoming men of substance. Get your advance tickets today, \$350, at the Connect Counters. For more information, visit islandecc.hk/mensconference.

MAY 18 **Baptism Class**

Our next baptisms will be held in August and October of this year. If you would like to participate in one of these ceremonies, please plan to attend the 2-Sunday baptism class starting on May 18, **Room A, 8/F, 11.30am** (both classes required). You can register by emailing baptism@islandecc.hk.

MAY 18 **Internet Safety Class**

In this class, we will update parents on new Internet trends and look at practical and effective strategies to support parents in guiding children to be aware of Internet safety — helping them to become more responsible, ethical and resilient web users. **10/F Classroom, 3pm**. Please visit islandecc.hk/classes to register.

MAY 18 **Slavery in HK and Asia**

There are 21 million slaves in the world today, with 76% in forced labour and 24% in the sex industry. Matt Friedman will be coming to share about the breadth and range of human slavery in the world, particularly in our own backyards, and how we can all play our part in helping to address this global problem. **10/F Worship Hall, 2pm**.

MAY 21 **Divorce and Separation Care Group**

This is an 8 week Care Group for those struggling and hurting from separation and divorce situations. The group will go through the material "Divorce Care" but more importantly, you'll be provided with a safe place to talk about issues and find hope from leaders who have been in similar situations. This class is free, and you can register at islandecc.hk/classes.

MAY 25 **Dragon Boat Festival Home Visits**

Hope of the City is recruiting volunteers for Dragon Boat festival home visits to families in North Point, around 1.30-4.30pm. Please email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com for more information.



New On The City

Alpha at ICC

Alpha@ICC 2014 starts on Friday, May 9, **ICC, 87/F, 7pm!** If you or someone you know works at ICC and has never attended Alpha before, you are cordially invited!

Job Vacancy - Part-time Facility Caretaker

We are looking for a part-time Facility Caretaker to work as a member of the Ministry Support team to provide site maintenance services. If you are interested, please contact Evonne Chong on The City/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."

Alpha Retreat at Lantau Island



May 4, 2014

Encourage One Another

Encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

Hebrews 3:13

Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Hebrews 10:24-25

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 15:4-6

Rationale for Encouraging One Another:

1. _____ affirms what _____

2. _____ us to action

3. _____ show the way

4. _____ encourages us

5. God is _____