

COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

TODAY Prayer After Service

We want to encourage the church to set aside time to pray today wherever you are and if you need to pray with people, feel free to approach our prayer volunteers made available. Kindly leave the sanctuary quietly and respect those who are praying.

TODAY Quench Summer Sale!

Need to pick up some books for summer reading or maybe find a gift for a friend or family member? Check out the Quench Summer Sale! Great books at discounted prices - up to 40% off! The sale will last for two Sundays starting today. Don't miss this great opportunity to save! Cash payment only.

AUG 16 "Struggle for Survival" Experience

Hope of the City is organising this unique event, 10am-5pm at Crossroads. Participants will go through a poverty simulation, "Struggle for Survival" Experience, followed by a "Taste of Poverty" meal and on-site volunteering. 40 spots available. Email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com.

AUG 16 Sports Fellowship Junk Trip

Besides a cooling day in the sea, we have wakeboard, banana boat and other challenges with lunch & snack, all for \$350. Tickets available at 1/F Connect Counter. For information email sportsfellowship@islandecc.hk.

AUG 16 FUSE Hike

Our FUSE Young Adults Ministry (ages: 20s & 30s) will be going on a hike on Lamma Island. We will meet at Central Ferry Pier No. 4 at 9.45am. We will hike across Lamma Island to Sok Ku Wan and have lunch - we can catch the ferry back from there. If you'd like to join, please register on the City or on our Facebook page (facebook.com/fusehk).

AUG 17 Power Seminar: Navigating Dilemmas In Business

While being confronted with dilemmas at work, how can Christians choose the good in such a complex world? Join Dr. Richard Higginson, lecturer from Cambridge University, to explore various approaches to help us integrate our faith and our daily practices. 2.30-4.30pm, Room A, 8/F. Visit <http://www.islandecc.hk/classes/> for more information and registration.

AUG 17 Behind The Mask

Many women have a deep desire to feel accepted yet want to follow Christ without compromising. This 16 week course is for women who wish to have a right perspective on healthy sexuality. Space is limited to 8 women. Meets Sundays 2-4pm, 9/F Kids Worship Hall B. For more info and sign up email women@islandecc.hk.

AUG 23 Fuse Kickoff @ PLAY

The Young Adults Ministry (FUSE) will be taking over PLAY, the premier indoor sports facility, to kickoff the new year! Indoor ski slopes, virtual racing, baseball batting cages, video games and live music! Food will be provided, so come hungry. The cost is only \$200. Register at the 1/F Connect Counter today!

AUG 24 Yunnan STO Sharing Session

Empty hands receive greater blessings. The members of the Yunnan STO trip are excited to share stories of how God is working in the mission field, and how He has richly blessed their lives through missions! Come join us. 2-4pm, Room B, 8/F.

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New On The City

Island ECC Job Vacancies

Please visit The Marketplace for full details.

- **New Church Premises Project Manager** — to work with the elders on a 3-6 month project as we step up again in our search for a permanent church site. Requires a passionate heart for the future of our church and experience in Hong Kong real estate.
- **Director of Community Outreach** — to provide leadership, coordination and support for the church's community outreach.
- **Coordinator of Ministry Support (full-time)** — to serve in venue administration and production assistance with Art & Design projects.
- **Facility Caretaker (part time)** — to work as a member of the Ministry Support team to provide site cleaning and maintenance services.

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."

Children's Ministries' Vacation Bible School "Weird Animals - Where Jesus' love is one-of-a-kind"



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Loneliness

The unpleasant emotional response to isolation or lack of companionship.

¹ With my voice I cry out to the Lord; with my voice I plead for mercy to the Lord.

² I pour out my complaint before Him; I tell my trouble before Him.

³ When my spirit faints within me, You know my way! In the path where I walk they have hidden a trap for me.

⁴ Look to the right and see: there is none who takes notice of me; no refuge remains to me; no one cares for my soul.

⁵ I cry to you, O Lord; I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living."

⁶ Attend to my cry, for I am brought very low! Deliver me from my persecutors, for they are too strong for me!

⁷ Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your name! The righteous will surround me, for You will deal bountifully with me.

Psalm 142

Dealing with Loneliness:

1. _____ loneliness

About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" Matthew 27:46

2. _____ loneliness

Rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, He departed and went out to a desolate place, and there He prayed.

Mark 1:35

3. _____ loneliness

A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

Proverbs 18:24

4. _____ loneliness

Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

James 4:8