# COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

#### TODAY Kids Club Volunteer Training

Training will be held for all volunteers today at 1.30-3.30pm, Kids Worship Hall, 9/F (Lunch provided) or Tuesday, 7.30-9.30pm, Room A, 8/F (Dinner provided).

### TODAY Taiwan STO Sharing

'Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.' Come join us as we share stories and wonders in how God not only used children in Jinlun, Taitung to open the hearts of the villagers, but also our team members as well. 2-4pm, Room A, 8/F.

#### SEP 3 FUSE — Young Adults Fellowship

FUSE is a fellowship for young adults/young professionals (age: 20s to early 30s) in Hong Kong who would like to connect with God and other young adults. We will meet this Wednesday at 7.30pm in The Studio (321 Java Rd, 1/F - across the street from the church). There will be food, teaching, discussion and time to hang out. See you there!

#### SEP 6 Bible Seminar: The Book of Revelation

The Book of Revelation is perhaps the most misunderstood book of the New Testament. Is Revelation a crystal ball? Or is it relevant to our lives today? How should we understand this book? Join Dr. Samuel Tsang for a Saturday afternoon, 2-5pm, Worship Hall, 2/F to explore this fascinating book. Visit http://www.islandecc.hk/classes/ for more details and to register.

### SEP 13 Struggle For Survival

Hope of the City is organising an educational and volunteering event from 10am to 5pm at Crossroads. Participants will go through a poverty simulation - "Struggle for Survival" Experience (conducted in Cantonese), followed by "Taste of Poverty" meal and on-site volunteering. Email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com to register.

### SEP 14 New Classes Kick Off

Island ECC believes that the Bible is relevant to our lives. That's why we design different classes for you to grow in your faith. Five new classes and the 2:7 Discipleship Course start on Sep 14. Please visit http://www.islandecc.hk/classes/for detail and registration.

### SEP 14 Filipino and Indonesia Ministry Info Sesson

Come and learn what is happening in the Filipino and Indonesian ministries and how you can be a part of it. 2.30-4.30pm, 10/F Classroom.

### SEP 16 Men's Fraternity Fall Launch

Men's Fraternity exists to empower men to live for God and to speak into issues relevant to men. We will launch a new semester on Tuesdays at 7.30pm,10/F. For more info, contact men@islandecc.hk.

#### Island Youth — September Kick Offs

Island Youth will kick off the new school year on Sunday, Sep 7. We have two identical services each Sunday in The Studio (1/F 321 Java Road) at 9,30am and 11,30am. This is a great place for students (aged 11-18) to hang out, have fun, connect, experience live worship and receive a relevant, Bible message.

Small groups for High School will start on Friday, Sep 5 in The Studio, and Middle School small groups will start on Friday, Sep 12 on the 9th floor. Questions? IslandYouth@islandecc.hk.

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## **New On The City**

Pray For The Middle East - refer to Remember One Another article to know more.

#### 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.
- 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?

#### MEET US AT THE CONNECT COUNTER

We are so glad that you're here today and would love to get to know you! The Connect Counters are located on the 1/F, 2/F and 10/F. Volunteers are there to answer any questions you might have about Island ECC and its different ministries and events.

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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

God loves you because he chooses to. "God wasn't attracted to you and didn't **HE LOVES** 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 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 trust Jesus to do what we can't. We don't trust our own efforts to save us. **WE BELIEVE** We can't save ourselves. We don't place our trust in other people to save us. We believe in Him.

God gives us brand-new life. We have joy because of his Spirit living within us. Little WE LIVE 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."

Taiwan Mission Trip



## **Certainty of Salvation**

life know that you have eternal life.

2. I don't \_

3. Did I follow the \_\_\_\_\_

#### How can I know?

Scripture is God's revelation to us. His promise. The one who believes in the Son has eternal life. The one who rejects the Son will not see life. but God's wrath remains on him.

We \_\_\_

Salvation is a gift.

















<sup>11</sup> And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. <sup>12</sup> Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have

<sup>13</sup> I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may

1 John 5:11-13

#### Reasons we are unsure of salvation:

did I become a Christian?

#### loves us this we know

His work is sufficient. His work is complete.

...but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

#### tells us so

John 3:36

#### do enough

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Enhesians 2.8-9

<sup>15</sup> For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God. <sup>17</sup> and if children. then heirs-heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.

Romans 8:15-17