

COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

TODAY Christian Higher Education Forum

Thinking about universities for your child? Come join senior administrators from 7 different universities and 2 expert speakers explain the incredible value of attending a private Christian US university. **3-5pm, 10/F.** Contact Didi for more info at didi.wong@islandecc.hk.

TODAY New Class: Life of David

In his life David experienced extreme highs and lows that few others have known. In this course we shall look at some of the trials that David experienced. We will also look at the devotional life of David and how God sustained him through his troubles. **3.00pm, Room A, 8/F.** Visit <http://www.islandecc.hk/classes/> for registration.

OCT 20 Cambodia Family Mission Trip Deadline

Don't miss the chance for your family to grow together and serve communities in need in Cambodia at Chinese New Year, February 16-20. The annual Family Mission Trip deadline to register is October 20. For more information, visit <http://www.islandecc.hk/ministries/missions/> and select the Cambodia Family Trip.

OCT 22 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!

OCT 24 ReNEW Live Album Recording: Sold Out

We're less than one week away from our live album recording and the excitement has led to another sold-out ReNEW event! We look forward to worshipping with you on that evening, and hope these original songs bless this church and beyond. If you were unable to get tickets, you will soon have the opportunity to hear these songs as they will be introduced in Sunday services. And, of course, stay tuned for the release and get your copy of the live album next Spring!

OCT 26 New Class: Domestic Helper Management

How can we improve communication with our helpers to be a good employer? How to balance being firm but fair? Join Melaine Leung-Shea for a 4 week class to learn practical tips, assess your management style and household needs, and address some of the difficult questions. **9.30am, 8/F.** Visit <http://www.islandecc.hk/classes/> for registration.

NOV 1 Sports Fellowship Amazing Race Scavenger Hunt

Join our Scavenger Hunt on HK Island. Come as a care group or we will form teams for individual participants. After the games, join everyone for great fellowship in a BBQ dinner. Starts at **2pm**. Cost is \$150 (includes games and all you can eat plus 2 drinks). Tickets available at 1/F Connect Counter only. For information please email sportsfellowship@islandecc.hk.

NOV 2 Outreach: Hurting More Than Helping?

Are we doing more harm than good in our effort to fight poverty? Are good intentions enough? What are best practices? Come to our GO Core Meeting to discuss and learn more about this vital topic. **2-4pm, 9/F Kids Worship Hall**, (light lunch provided at 1pm). RSVP to go@islandecc.hk.

NOV 8 CORE Leadership Conference

We are hosting our first ever CORE Leadership Conference, **9am-5pm**. If you are a volunteer leader in any of these ministries — Care Groups, Men, Women, Youth, Kids Club, Mission trips, Prayer, Sunday services, Worship, Local Outreach — this conference is for you! Mark your calendar. Tickets available at Connect Counter. Visit <http://www.islandecc.hk/core/> for details.



New On The City

Stay connected to other families, friends and the larger Island ECC community on The City, a social network tailored specifically to our church. You'll have the opportunity to read weekly devotionals from our pastors, prayer thoughts from our leadership team, event information and even a marketplace to sell items or find a rental property. Sign up on our website by clicking The City link.

NEW TO ISLAND ECC?

1 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.

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 3,000 people are already using this fantastic tool. By creating an account and logging in, you'll have access to weekly devotionals, updates on events and the chance to connect with others. Sign up now at the Connect Counter.

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."

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Power Of A Choice

Trailblazer: someone who *forges a new path for others to follow.*

Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less travelled by,
And that has made all the difference. *Robert Frost*

Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. *Jesus Christ. (Matthew 7:14)*

¹¹ For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, nor is it far off ...

¹⁵ See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil.

¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in His ways, and by keeping His commandments and His statutes and His rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it.

¹⁷ But, if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them,

¹⁸ I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish ...

¹⁹ ... I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life ...
Deuteronomy 30:11, 15-19

Uganda Mission Trip

