

COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

TODAY Renew Worship CD Available

After an exciting debut on iTunes, the Home CD from Renew Worship is available today on all floors for \$100. We hope this music encourages you and draws you closer to God!

APR 11 Family Outing Volunteers

Always wanted to be a farmer? Hope of the City is recruiting 10 volunteers to spend a day with low-income families at Our Hands Farm in Yuen Long on Saturday, 9.30am-4.00pm. Please email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com for more information.

APR 12 & 19 Upcoming Missions Trip Info Sessions

Come learn about one of the upcoming mission trips:
April 12, 2pm, 8/F Room A - Uganda Mission Trip (Aug 28-Sep 8)
April 19, 2pm, 10/F Classroom - Mongolia Trip (Jul 25-Aug 9)

APR 12 & 19 Nurturing Marriage Class

This 2 week class aims to help married couples experience deeper connection. There are no pre-requisites needed to join other than to be married and have a desire to invest some time together talking about your marriage! This upcoming class will be on "Conflict Resolution". **9.30-11am, 10/F Classroom.** Register at www.islandecc.hk/classes/.

APR 18 Prayer Hike

Join us for an easy hike around Quarry Bay as we pray and spend time with God. Meet us at G/F, 633 King's Road, 10am. Register online at www.islandecc.hk/ministries/prayer/.

APR 26 Prayer, Fasting, and Meditation Class

Would you like to know more about how to stay connected with God during your week? A special 3 week class starting on Sunday, April 26 at **9.30am** will do just that. Each week we will focus on one of these spiritual disciplines. For details and to register, go to [islandecc.hk/classes/](http://www.islandecc.hk/classes/).

APR 26-MAY 10 Parenting Teens Class

Join us in our upcoming 3-week class on parenting teens. We will cover topics like Teens and Technology, Engaging Your Teen, and The Role of a Teenager's Education. This class will be facilitated by Pastor Didi Wong with contributions from Pastor Rick & Jane Bates, and also the Island Youth Team. **9.30am-11am, 7/F Classroom.** Register at www.islandecc.hk/classes/.

APR 26-JUN 7 OT "Big Pic" Part 2: The Kingdom & the Prophets

Starting from the Judges and the beginning of the nation of Israel, the Old Testament is an avalanche of names, places, battles, prophets and nations. Yet through it all, God accomplished His purpose which has at its center Jesus Christ. Join this class to learn how it all fits together! **11.30am, Room A, 8/F.** Visit www.islandecc.hk/classes/ for details and registration.

MAY 22-23 Women's Conference: Half The Church

Our Women's Conference entitled "Half The Church: Recapturing God's Global Vision For Women" is coming. You do not want to miss this! For more information go to <http://www.islandecc.hk/ministries/women/> and click the link to Half The Church. Early Bird ticketing starts today at the Connect Counter. Ticket only \$250; Combo (book & ticket) \$320.

2015 Youth Conference

This fall we will be hosting the first ever Hong Kong Youth Ministry conference. This is an event to draw youth (middle school and high school) from all over Hong Kong to participate in a high-energy, high-fun conference to help them grow their walk with God. We will have guest speakers (from Canada's Youth Alpha) and entertainment.



On The City

Volunteers needed for new 3PM Services starting today:

- Sunday Services — Lobby hosts, Connect Counter, greeters, ushers, offering & communion stewards.
- Kids Club — Storytellers, worship leaders, small group leaders, welcome team, nursery assistants.
- Production Crew — ProPresenter, video and lighting, camera operator.

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."

Women's Ministries The Village Gathering



April 5, 2015

Restoration

Four key conversations

1. The restoration of the couple on the road to Emmaus

¹⁹ And He said to them, "What things?" And they said to Him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and rulers delivered Him up to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. ²¹ But we had hoped that He was the one to redeem Israel.

³⁰ When He was at table with them, He took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹ And their eyes were opened, and they recognised Him.

Luke 24:19-21, 30-31

2. The restoration of Thomas

²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into His side, I will never believe."

²⁷ Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!"

John 20:24-25, 27-28

3. The restoration of Peter

⁶⁰ But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹ And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how He had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times." ⁶² And he went out and wept bitterly.

Luke 22:60-62

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs."

John 21:15

4. The restoration of the Disciples

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

John 20:19-21