

# 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 at Quench for \$100. We hope this music encourages you and draws you closer to God!

## TODAY Yunnan Mission Trip Sharing

The growth of the church in China partly hinges on the young generation. Our vision is to see the next generation of China's church getting a solid biblical foundation. Come to our sharing and find out how you can empower and encourage children and youth workers in China. 3-4.30pm, 10/F Classroom.

## JUN 6 Sports Fellowship — Badminton

Can't book a court for badminton? SF has booked SIX COURTS!!! Sign-up with your friends. Limited tickets left! Courts are at ICS (International Christian School) from 2-4pm. Cost is \$120 per person (just bring your racquet). Please register this Sunday at 1/F Connect Counter.

## JUN 6 Worship Bands For Slavery Awareness

Slavery and human-trafficking exists right here in Hong Kong. Although the problem can seem overwhelming, one action point is to be educated about the issue. And one way to do that is to attend a Battle of the Bands, in which Hong Kong worship bands unite to raise awareness about slavery. 7.30 pm at ICA church, tickets \$150, www.ica.hk for more info.

## JUN 12 Pure Desire Celebration Dinner: Regaining the Battle Ground

If you have ever joined a Pure Desire Men's Group, just once, or currently participating or have graduated; come celebrate with us. We will have a buffet meal, a time of worship, and share God's goodness and vision of Pure Desire in HK and beyond! 7.30-10pm, 2/F. No cost for the dinner, but registration is required for food preparation. Visit www.islandecc.hk/men/.

## JUN 13 Dragon Boat Festival Home Visits

Were you hesitant to sign up for the Ark because you thought you didn't have the biceps? Here's your chance to show your power in the Dragon Boat Festival! Hope of the City needs 16 home-visit volunteers in Cheung Sha Wan, 2-5pm. Email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com for more information.

## JUN 18 Sharing Rice Dumplings to the Homeless

Sharing is caring. Hope of the City is partnering with Christian Concern for the Homeless Association to share rice dumplings to the homeless community in Sham Shui Po, 7.30-10pm, and needs services from 15 Cantonese speaking Christians. Please email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com for more information.

## JUN 19 World Refugee Day

Refugees risk horrific dangers and even death in the hopes of finding safety and peace in a new country. Many of them arrive in Hong Kong, only to find a new set of challenges. Join Island ECC and a network of churches and Christians to celebrate different cultures and learn more about this vulnerable population. 7.30 pm, St. Andrew's Church, TST.



## On The City

### Staff Vacancies on the Marketplace

- **Executive Director** — to oversee and direct the administrative and operational functions of the church's facility and programmes, particularly the Ministry Support, IT, HR and Financial operations.
- **Executive Assistant** — to provide executive level administrative and secretarial support for the Senior Pastor and Executive Pastor. Solid experience as a PA/ Executive Assistant at senior level required.
- **Coordinator of Volunteers** — to support the volunteer work for Sunday services and special events. An enthusiastic and outgoing person with good administrative skills is needed.

### 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.

### 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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## Knowing When To Be Afraid

<sup>26</sup> "Therefore do not fear them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. <sup>27</sup> What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear whispered in your ear, proclaim upon the housetops. <sup>28</sup> Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup> So do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows.

Matthew 10:26-31

<sup>45</sup> Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go ahead of Him to the other side to Bethsaida, while He Himself was sending the crowd away. <sup>46</sup> After bidding them farewell, He left for the mountain to pray.

<sup>47</sup> When it was evening, the boat was in the middle of the sea, and He was alone on the land. <sup>48</sup> Seeing them straining at the oars, for the wind was against them, at about the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea; and He intended to pass by them. <sup>49</sup> But when they saw Him walking on the sea, they supposed that it was a ghost, and cried out; <sup>50</sup> for they all saw Him and were terrified. But immediately He spoke with them and said to them, "Take courage; it is I, do not be afraid." <sup>51</sup> Then He got into the boat with them, and the wind stopped; and they were utterly astonished, <sup>52</sup> for they had not gained any insight from the incident of the loaves, but their heart was hardened.

Mark 6:45-52

"... do what is right without being frightened by any fear."

1 Peter 3:6

Alpha Retreat

