

# Welcome!

Next door to the church I worked at in the US, there was a popular neighbourhood coffee shop called, "It's a Grind." The name is a play on words that expresses the common view of work: drudgery, toilsome, unpleasant, meaningless. It's a Grind. You may have a job that captivates you and that you love waking up to. You may have one that doesn't. Either way, God's original intention was (and still is) for us to work. If we can rediscover His true purpose for our work, we can get in sync with Him. It doesn't have to be a grind if we find our rhythm of work.

And not that this ordination is going to my head, but ...

Reverend Most High,



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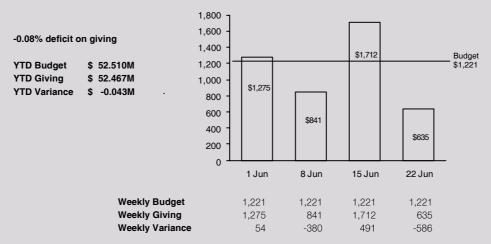
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FISCAL YEAR SEPT 2014-AUG 2015

#### YEAR TO DATE (43 WEEKS)

#### PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)



GIVING TO ISLAND ECC We encourage those who consider Island ECC their church home to prayerfully give a percentage of their income to the church on a regular basis.

Cheques payable to 'Island ECC Ltd.' for HK tax receipts or to 'Friends of Hong Kong Charities Inc.' for US citizens. More info at www.islandecc.hk/give. Enquiries to karen.kwok@islandecc.hk.

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# COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

## JUL 5 New Class: Jesus — A Biography

Jesus lived in a time radically different from our own. Why did He call Himself Son of Man and confronted the Pharisees so vigorously? Why did He teach like that? Join Martin Radford for this 8 week class to learn who Jesus was in His 1st Century setting. Class starts on July 5, 9.30am. Visit https://www.islandecc.hk/classes/ for details and registration.

## JUL 5 Cambodia Business As Mission Sharing Session

In March, a team of 18 business professionals from Hong Kong travelled to Phnom Penh to train, inspire and witness to 11 teams of aspiring entrepreneurs. These teams then competed in a business plan competition in June, pitching their ideas to an international panel of judges. Come learn and hear reports about this unique mission model. 2-3pm, 10/F Classroom.

## JUL 8 Grief Group

This is a 6-week support group that creates a safe place for people who have lost loved ones to process their difficult feelings. It is led by caring, experienced, and empathetic leaders who enable people to share openly while pointing them to the hope we can find through God. 10/F Living Room, 7pm. Contact classes@islandecc.hk for more information or to register.

### JUL 12 God's Fingerprints in Your Life: Living a Focused Life

God is at work in your life. living and active! Join Jonathan Lo to see His fingerprints more prominently and appreciate greater clarity of His shaping and informing, as we learn from key leadership concepts by Dr. J. Robert Clinton of Fuller Theological Seminary. Class runs for 3 weeks from July 12, 11.30am. Visit https://www.islandecc.hk/classes/ for detail and registration.

## JUL 13-31 Summer Enrichment Programme for Children

Summer holidays are right around the corner, which means...Summer School! Hope of the City is seeking services from high school or university students to help out in our summer programme for low-income families in Sham Shui Po on weekdays, 9am-4pm. Please email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com for more information.

#### JUL 19 Philippines Short Term Missions Trip Sharing

Come and join the team as they share their stories about how God's love and faithfulness made this trip typhoon free, brought transformation, inner healing, restoration and healing, fulfilling His promise of enlarging the Tent (Isaiah 54:2). Our team served more than 300 families in poverty in Sibonga, Cebu with Agape Ministries. 10/F Classroom, 2.30pm.

## JUL 19 Workshop: Should I Get a Helper?

Is hiring a helper the right decision for your household? Join Melanie Leung-Shea for a one-off workshop that will demystify the helper topic and help you understand more about this unique living/working dynamic: the basics of the Hong Kong helper scene, key questions and concerns. Visit https://www.islandecc.hk/classes/ for detail and registration.

## JUL 24-25 Biblical Counselling Certificate

Have you struggled to know how to help people with anxiety, grief, anger, lack of confidence, and identity issues? Our church has invited Professor Brad Hambrick from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary for a 2 day seminar on "Helping People with Difficult Feelings". Cost for credit: \$1250. Cost to audit: \$250. To register, go to www.islandecc.hk/classes/.

#### **College Ministry**

We are excited to provide a college-aged/young-adults fellowship for students returning to Hong Kong for the summer, or for individuals looking for a relaxing hangout with other young adults. These will take place July-August on Thursday nights at 7pm, The Studio (1/F 321 Java Rd). Food, live worship, and time for discussion and fellowship. Contact: kyle.reed@islandecc.hk.



## On The City

#### Staff Vacancies on the Marketplace

- **Executive Director**
- Executive Assistant to Senior and Executive Pastors
- Senior Coordinator of Women's Ministries
- Coordinator of Ministry Support
- Coordinator of Volunteers
- Junior Accounting Assistant
- · Part-time Coordinator of Children's Ministries

For details on the above go to the Marketplace/Jobs.

#### 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.

### 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.

#### 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 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.



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 Conference 2015 Half the Church



## June 28, 2015

## **Rhythm Of Work**

God is a God of rhythm

God is a God who works

God made us in His image, therefore

Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the seas and the birds in the sky."

Genesis 1:26

The Lord God took the man and pu	ut him in the garden of Eden to	i

Genesis 2:15

To work ("abad"): to work, to serve, to work/serve as an act of worship.

And you [Aaron] and your sons with you shall guard your priesthood for all that concerns the altar and that is within the veil; and you shall serve.

Numbers 18: 7

To keep ("shamar"): to protect, preserve, watch over, guard.

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26