

# SEEK FIRST

## Welcome!

Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Matthew 6:33

As we become Christians and God becomes more and more of a priority in our lives, we need to ask ourselves how it is that we should re-organise our lives. What does it mean to put God first?

Today's message will help us think through a practical, daily application so that our faith becomes more and more of a meaningful component in our lives. Not a hobby, but a value.



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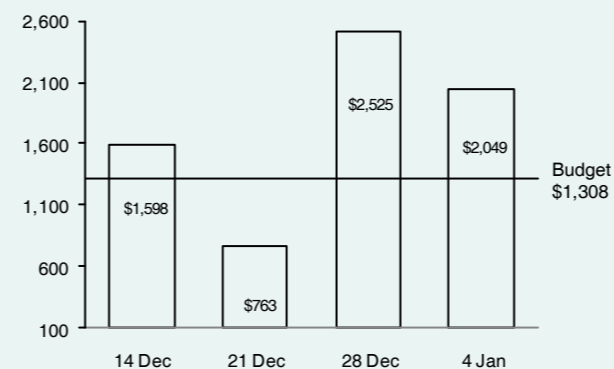
### FISCAL YEAR SEPT 2015 - AUG 2016

#### YEAR TO DATE (18 WEEKS)

-6.11% deficit on giving

YTD Budget \$ 23.538M  
YTD Giving \$ 22.099M  
YTD Variance \$ -1.439M

#### PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)



	14 Dec	21 Dec	28 Dec	4 Jan
Weekly Budget	1,308	1,308	1,308	1,308
Weekly Giving	1,598	763	2,525	2,049
Weekly Variance	290	-545	1,217	741

**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 islandecc.hk/give. Enquiries to karen.kwok@islandecc.hk.

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## FIRST

### Stop Putting Jesus First

January 10 2016 9.30am, 11.30am, 3pm, 5pm  
633 King's Road, 1/F, 2/F, 10/F

# HIGHLIGHTS

## TODAY **ARK DRAGON BOAT SIGN UP**

Join Island ECC's Dragonboat Team, ARK, for a season of fun, fitness and fellowship. Trainings are every Sunday afternoon at Stanley starting February 28, and every Wednesday evening for land training. Sign up at the 1/F Connect Counter after our 9.30 or 11.30 service. Fee is \$1800 (cash or cheque only). For more information, contact eccdragonboat@gmail.com.

## JAN 17 **STANDARD CHARTERED HONG KONG MARATHON**

The annual Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon will take place next Sunday from early morning to noon. Routes include West Kowloon, and Hong Kong Island between Causeway Bay and Shau Kei Wan. Traffic in areas around church will likely be affected during the event. We suggest that you allow for longer travelling time to church that morning.

## JAN 17 **FUSE YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY KICKOFF**

FUSE is our ministry for young adults or young professionals in Hong Kong aged between 20 and early 30s who would like to connect with God and other young adults. We meet on Sundays, starting Jan 17, 3.00pm, 11/F The Well. There will be teaching, discussion, and time to hang out. See you there!

## JAN 24 **NEW VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION**

Serving as a volunteer at Island ECC is an exciting way to get connected to the church. We have hundreds of volunteers serving each month and many areas where you can join. If you'd like to know more about serving at Island ECC, please join us for a volunteer orientation. 1.30-2.30pm, 8/F Living Room. Lunch provided. Register today at the Connect Counter on your floor!

## JAN 29 & 30 **GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT**

The Global Leadership Summit is a great opportunity for all ministry and business leaders to grow in their leadership capacity. This year the Summit is hosted at The Vine Church in Wanchai. A limited number of discounted tickets is available at the Connect Counters.

## CLASSES

**REGISTER AT ISLANDECC.HK/CLASSES**

## JAN 17 **GROW DISCIPLESHIP COURSE AND LAUNCH PARTY**

Interested to grow stronger as a disciple of Christ? Come find out more about our GROW discipleship course (formerly known as 2:7) at the GROW launch party. 1.30-3pm, 10/F Worship Hall. Free lunch provided. GROW starts Sunday, January 24, 9.30am or 11.30am.

## JAN 17 **BETWEEN THE TESTAMENTS - PALESTINE BEFORE JESUS**

Who were the Pharisees, Sadducees or Zealots? Why did they have such trouble with Jesus? Why did Jesus use a Greek translation of scripture? What is apocalyptic literature? Who wrote the Dead Sea scrolls and why are they important? Join Martin Radford for this 6-week class to learn more about the 400 "Silent Years" better known as the period of Second Temple Judaism. 11.30am, 8/F Classroom.

**REGISTER AT ISLANDECC.HK/BAPTISM**

## JAN 17 **BAPTISM CLASS**

Baptism is an outward expression of an inward faith. If you're interested in being baptised, please plan to attend the 2-Sunday baptism class starting on January 17 (both classes required). 5pm, 10/F Classroom. Email baptism@islandecc.hk for more information.



## OUTREACH

### JAN 24 **OUTREACH OPEN HOUSE**

Open to anyone interested in missions at Island ECC. No previous experience necessary! Light lunch provided. 1.30pm, 10/F Worship Hall. Get your free ticket today at any of our Connect Counters.

### JAN 25 **PHILIPPINES MISSION TRIP - REGISTRATION DEADLINE**

Do you have a passion to serve and share God's love and message with the poor? The ICM Kids Camp gives 80 children living in the slums of the Philippines the opportunity to participate in acting, crafts, singing, sports and more. The trip runs from March 30 to April 5. Email fuse@islandecc.hk for more information.

### JAN 29 & 30 **SSP X-PERIENCE**

What does life in Sham Shui Po look like? Hope of the City is running a two-day experience for participants to take a guided tour of our work, visit cubicle homes, serve in a soup kitchen, and stay overnight at SSP. \$500 per person. Limited to 20 people. For more details and registration, email info@hopeofthecity.com.

## OPPORTUNITIES

### **ASSISTANT ACCOUNTANT**

We are looking for a full-time Assistant Accountant to work in the church's busy Finance Department. Relevant experience and excellent computer skills, especially Excel, are required. Email hr@islandecc.hk with a cover letter and CV.

### **SERVE WITH THE PRODUCTION CREW**

Looking for a new way to serve this year? Join the Production Crew and help make the lyrics and visuals come to life in our services. For more information contact crew@islandecc.hk.

10 JANUARY 2016

## Stop Putting Jesus First

<sup>9</sup> The next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour to pray. <sup>10</sup> And he became hungry and wanted something to eat, but while they were preparing it, he fell into a trance <sup>11</sup> and saw the heavens opened and something like a great sheet descending, being let down by its four corners upon the earth. <sup>12</sup> In it were all kinds of animals and reptiles and birds of the air. <sup>13</sup> And there came a voice to him: "Rise, Peter; kill and eat." <sup>14</sup> But Peter said, "By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean." <sup>15</sup> And the voice came to him again a second time, "What God has made clean, do not call common." <sup>16</sup> This happened three times, and the thing was taken up at once to heaven.

Acts 10:9-16

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup> For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through Him and for Him. <sup>17</sup> And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup> For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

Colossians 1:15-20

## NEW TO ISLAND ECC

### MEET US AT THE CONNECT COUNTER

**1** We are so glad that you're here today and would love to get to know you! Visit the Connect Counters on 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.

### VISIT OUR WEBSITE

**2** Check out [www.islandecc.hk](http://www.islandecc.hk), where you'll have access to information about all our ministries and events, as well as a broad spectrum of resources - including weekly blog posts and video podcasts of sermons.

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