

# Welcome!

I'm so excited about this series! Yes, the stage design is pretty cool. And yes, we will be having souvenirs starting next week. And yes, there is a care group study guide to accompany this series.

But the biggest reason I'm excited about this series is that I think it has the potential to significantly change your relationship with God. I'm praying and believing God for great things in these coming weeks, and hope that you will connect with these sermons, and be moved in your understanding of how awesome our God is.

In short, I'm hoping you will be "floored by God".

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4.0% surplus on giving

YTD Budget

YTD Giving

YTD Variance

#### FISCAL YEAR SEPT 2015 - AUG 2016

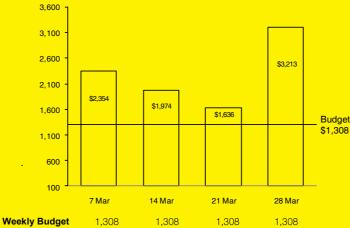
PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)

#### YEAR TO DATE (30 WEEKS)

\$ 39.2M

\$ 40.8M

\$ 1.6M



**Weekly Variance** 

2,354 1,974

1,636 3,213

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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# **HIGHLIGHTS**

#### TODAY PRAYER AFTER SERVICE

We want to encourage the church to set aside time to pray today wherever you are and if you need to pray with people, feel free to approach our prayer volunteers at the front. Kindly leave the sanctuary quietly and respect those who are praying.

#### TODAY VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Volunteering is love in motion! Serving as a volunteer at Island ECC is both a fun and rewarding way to help the church family. Come join our orientation today to hear about volunteer opportunities. 1.30-2.30pm, 11/F Living Room C. Lunch will be provided. See you there!

#### TODAY FUSE YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY EASTER BREAK

Fuse is on a break today. We will meet again next Sunday, April 10, 3pm, 11/F The Well.

#### APR 19-23 bold faith spring dress and shirt sale

The dress and shirt sale is back! We have something for everybody — men and women, young and old. Limited stock and sizes. We take cash and credit card. 2/F Auditorium. Opening hours:

- April 19, 1-8.30pm
- April 20-22, 10.30am-8.30pm
- April 23, 9am-1,30pm

#### MAY 13 & 14 JUSTICE CONFERENCE 2016

The Justice Conference is an annual event designed to promote and encourage conversations around key justice related issues facing our communities in Asia today. Special discounted tickets are available for purchase at the 1/F Connect Counter. The conference will be held at The Vine. For full information, visit www.thejusticeconferenceasia.com.

#### **OPPORTUNITY**

#### **VOLUNTEERS FOR BOLD FAITH SPRING DRESS AND SHIRT SALE**

Join the Bold Faith clothes sales team to prepare for our Spring sale. Help is needed at the warehouse in Tai Kok Tsui on April 9 and 16. If you are available to help on either date, anytime between 9.30am and 5pm, please email boldfaith@islandecc.hk. We look forward to serving with you.

#### **VOLUNTEERS FOR SERMON GIFT PACKAGING**

Nimble fingers and helping hands needed for sermon gift packaging on April 6, 8, 11, and 13-15, between 12pm and 6pm. 8/F. Contact serve@islandecc.hk if you would like to serve with us!

#### **CLASSES**

#### REGISTER AT ISLANDECC.HK/CLASSES

#### APR 8 women's bible study: breaking free from fear

In this study you will learn how to confront your circumstances with strength and courage as you live in the fear of the Lord — fear that conquers every other fear and sets you free to live in faith. The first class started on March 18, but you are more than welcome to join us for the rest of the course after we break for Easter. Fridays, April 8 to May 6. 10-11.30am, 8/F Classroom.

#### APR 10 BAPTISM CLASS

Baptism is the way we express our faith in Jesus Christ to our church family. If you're interested in being baptised, please plan to attend the 2-Sunday baptism class happening on Sunday, 10 & 24 April (both classes required). 5pm, 10/F Classroom. Register at islandecc.hk/baptism, or email baptism@islandecc.hk for more information.



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#### APR 10 navigating your finances god's way

Ever asked yourself these questions: How can I take control of my finances and better plan for the future? What does it mean to be faithful with the money God has entrusted to me? How can I see money as a joy and blessing rather than a source of stress and worry? Come join Jeff Ryan and Ramon Maronilla for this 9-week course to explore biblical answers to these questions. 9.30am, 8/F Classroom. Material cost: \$500.

#### APR 10 precept study: Living victoriously in difficult times

Have you wondered why life so often seems unfair? Has God turned His back on His children who are suffering, or is there a purpose in the pain? How can we face injustice and suffering of this world while having faith in an all-powerful God? Join experienced precept study instructor Derek Chan for this 6-week study that will address some of these questions. 3-4.30pm, 11/F Classroom. Material cost: \$70.

### APR 10 1, 2 & 3 JOHN

Have you ever wondered "Do I (or others) really know God? Can I be sure about my relationship (or theirs) with Him?" Join Scott Ohman for this 6-week class to study the three letters of John which contain vital truths about the nature of God, knowing Him and how we know that our salvation is assured. 11.30am, 8/F Classroom.

#### APR 15 & 16 BIBLICAL COUNSELLING CERTIFICATE

In partnership with Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, we now offer a Seminary Certificate Programme in Biblical Counselling that includes 7 seminary level courses. Each course is taught by a seminary professor and is adapted to meet the needs of people in Hong Kong. The next course, 'Introduction to Biblical Counselling', will be conducted on April 15 and 16, 9am-5.30pm, 10/F Worship Hall. Register by April 8.

#### APR 17 conversational evangelism

How do you turn an everyday conversation into a meaningful dialogue on faith and the meaning of life? Join Patrick Raths for this 4-week class to learn the basic skills and applications of the "Conversational Evangelism" method by David Geisler. This method has been proven effective in many countries across different cultures. 9.30am, 10/F Classroom.

## **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!

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 🖪 🖪 🖸

Check out 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.

Kids Club FX (Quarterly Family Experience): Easter Celebration



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### The Blueprint

Look at the nations and watch — and be utterly **floored**.

For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told

Habakkuk 1:5

<sup>1</sup> Now when Sanballat and Tobiah and Geshem the Arab and the rest of our enemies heard that I had built the wall and that there was no breach left in it (although up to that time I had not set up the doors in the gates), <sup>2</sup> Sanballat and Geshem sent to me, saying, "Come and let us meet together at Hakkephirim in the plain of Ono." But they intended to do me harm. <sup>3</sup> And I sent messengers to them, saying, "I am doing a great work and I cannot come down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and come down to you?"

Nehemiah 6:1-3

<sup>22</sup> Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favour, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. <sup>23</sup> Whatever you do, **work at it with all your heart**, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, <sup>24</sup> since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

Colossians 3:22-23