

# Welcome!

Today we begin a four week series entitled *Cycle*. The series is based on the intriguing Old Testament book of Judges, which recounts, with frequent graphic details, repeated cycles of disobedience and destruction that the ancient nation of Israel encountered.

Unfortunately, in today's world we have not learned how to avoid such cycles and they remain in the fabric of our human existence. By delving into the fascinating stories within this ancient historical book, we can discover helpful principles for our modern lives.

If you would like to watch an excellent overview of the book of Judges, look for "The Bible Project – Judges" on YouTube to view an easy to understand story in an animated and engaging form. (The Bible Project is worth you knowing about and using in any of your personal or group Bible studies this year!)

May this worship service equip and encourage you to break any "cycle" that hinders your life!



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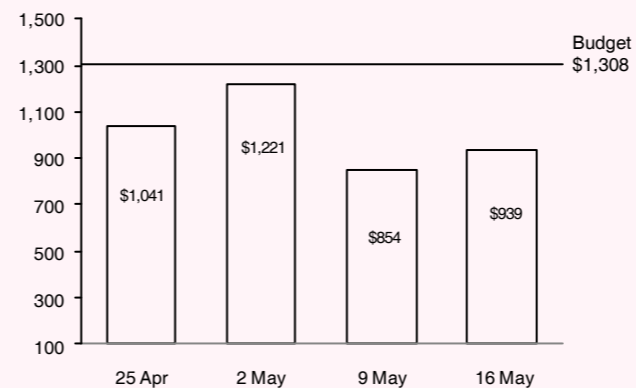
### YEAR TO DATE (37 WEEKS)

1.6% deficit on giving

**YTD Budget** \$ 48.4M  
**YTD Giving** \$ 47.6M  
**YTD Variance** \$ -0.8M

## FISCAL YEAR SEPT 2015 – AUG 2016

### PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)



	25 Apr	2 May	9 May	16 May
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	1,308	1,308	1,308	1,308
<b>Weekly Giving</b>	1,041	1,221	854	939
<b>Weekly Variance</b>	-267	-87	-454	-368

**Bold Faith Fund \$110.5M**    Received \$52.9M    Outstanding Pledge \$57.6M

Bold Faith Initial Fund Raising Target \$1 Billion

**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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## CYCLE

### It Keeps On Going

May 22 2016 9.30am, 11.30am, 3pm, 5pm  
633 King's Road, 1/F, 2/F, 10/F

# HIGHLIGHTS

## TODAY SUPPORTED PARTNER PRAYER FOCUS

Island ECC partners with Cuong & Trang Le to support their ministry in Vietnam. Cuong is a seminary lecturer and his wife Trang is a librarian. Cuong is also active in helping the local churches throughout the country by preaching and training lay leaders for evangelism. To learn more about how you could support our partners, contact [go@islandecc.hk](mailto:go@islandecc.hk).

## MAY 29 KIDS CLUB FX: CONTENTMENT

Join us for our upcoming Kids Club FX to learn all about contentment. Don't miss out on the creative skits, impactful Bible stories and fun games for elementary aged (6-10) children and their family members. 1.30pm, 10/F Worship Hall. Last day to pick up your free event tickets and optional lunch coupons (\$50) at the 9/F Welcome Desk or 10/F Connect Counter.

## JUN 2 UNIVERSITY STUDENT FELLOWSHIP

If you are a university student back in Hong Kong for the summer or currently studying in university here, come and join us for our first University Student Fellowship! Every Thursday starting Jun 2, 7.30pm, 11/F The Well. Email [youngadults@islandecc.hk](mailto:youngadults@islandecc.hk) if you have any questions.

## JUN 17-18 RENEW CONFERENCE: IMMEASURABLY MORE

What are you hoping for? Do you listen to the voices that say it's not possible? Or do you believe the One who says there's more – immeasurably more? Join us for Immeasurably More, our Renew Conference featuring Francis Chan and Hank Fortener, for a special weekend of faith-building teaching and soul-reviving worship at the Sunbeam Theatre in North Point. Pick up your early bird ticket (\$300) at the Connect Counter.

## JUN 22 GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Grief Group is a six-week support group for those who are dealing with the loss of a loved one. We seek to provide a safe place for people to process their grief. We also hope to speak the hope of Jesus into this real but often unspoken topic. Wednesdays, 7.30pm. 10/F Living Room. Register at [islandecc.hk/classes](http://islandecc.hk/classes).

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## TODAY IMPROVING INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS

Living, working, and dealing with others can be a real challenge! People come from different backgrounds, have different personalities, and do not always share the same values. This class with Pastor Rick is designed to sharpen your interpersonal skills by providing biblical and practical helps in the areas of communication, trust, conflict, and grief. May 22, 29, and June 5, 9.30-11am, 10/F Classroom.

## TODAY WALK THROUGH THE LIFE AND LETTERS OF PAUL THE APOSTLE

Pastor Albert has been walking us through the life of the Apostle Paul and his 13 letters in his series of seminar-quality classes. There are three remaining sessions on Paul in the prison, and Paul and his successors. May 22, 29, and June 5, 2.30-4.30pm, 8/F Classroom. All are welcome.

## OUTREACH

### MAY 28 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MOBILE SHOPPING FAIR

Each month, low-income families from Shek Kip Mei order necessities from St. James' Settlement at a reduced fair price. We are looking for 20 volunteers who can deliver these goods to immobile families. 9-11.30am. Email [volunteer@hopeofthecity.com](mailto:volunteer@hopeofthecity.com) for more information.

### MAY 28 NORTH POINT ELDERLY VISIT

Hope of the City believes volunteering is a powerful tool to address social needs in our community. Home visits are one way to do this. We are looking for 15 volunteers to visit elderly and low income families in North Point. 9.30am-12.30pm. Email [volunteer@hopeofthecity.com](mailto:volunteer@hopeofthecity.com) for more information.

### JUN 2 DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL OUTREACH VISIT

Every community has people who are being overlooked. This problem is especially real in the Central and Western district. For Dragon Boat Festival this year, Hope of the City will be joining with St. Barnabas' Home and Society to reach out to residents in wood-partitioned rooms and street-sleepers in the Central and Western area through rice dumpling distribution. Come join us 7.30-10pm. Email [volunteer@hopeofthecity.com](mailto:volunteer@hopeofthecity.com) for more information.

## OPPORTUNITIES

### PART TIME OFFICE ASSISTANT

We are looking for friendly and reliable part time help for some of the church office functions, to work all day Sunday supporting our services, and some additional time to run errands outside the office (no more than 20 hours/week in total). Good English and Cantonese skills are necessary, as well as a good attention to detail.

### PART TIME ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT

We are looking for administrative support for our Finance Department, particularly for Bold Faith reporting, committee meetings, analysis, filing, correspondence and meeting arrangements, as well as other financial support work. This is a 1-year contract hire, 20 hours per week. Attention to detail, good computer and administration skills and a servant heart required.

To apply for the above positions, email [hr@islandecc.hk](mailto:hr@islandecc.hk) with your CV and cover letter.

22 MAY 2016

## It Keeps On Going

*In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.*

Judges 21:25

*<sup>6</sup> When Joshua dismissed the people, the people of Israel went each to his inheritance to take possession of the land. <sup>7</sup> And the people served the Lord all the days of Joshua ...*

*<sup>10</sup> ... And there arose another generation after them who did not know the Lord or the work that He had done for Israel.*

*<sup>11</sup> And the people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the Lord and served the Baals. <sup>12</sup> And they abandoned the Lord, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt. They went after other gods ...*

*<sup>14</sup> So the anger of the Lord was hot against Israel, and He gave them over to plunderers, who plundered them. And He sold them into the hand of their surrounding enemies ...*

*<sup>16</sup> Then the Lord raised up judges, who saved them out of the hand of those who plundered them. <sup>17</sup> Yet they did not listen to their judges, for they whored after other gods and bowed down to them.*

*<sup>18</sup> Whenever the Lord raised up judges for them, the Lord was with the judge, and He delivered them from the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge; for the Lord was moved to pity by their groaning because of those who afflicted and oppressed them.*

*<sup>19</sup> But whenever the judge died, they turned back and were more corrupt than their fathers, going after other gods, serving them and bowing down to them. They did not drop any of their practices or their stubborn ways.*

Judges 2:6-19

## 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.

The Indispensables: A One-Day Intensive for Men



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