



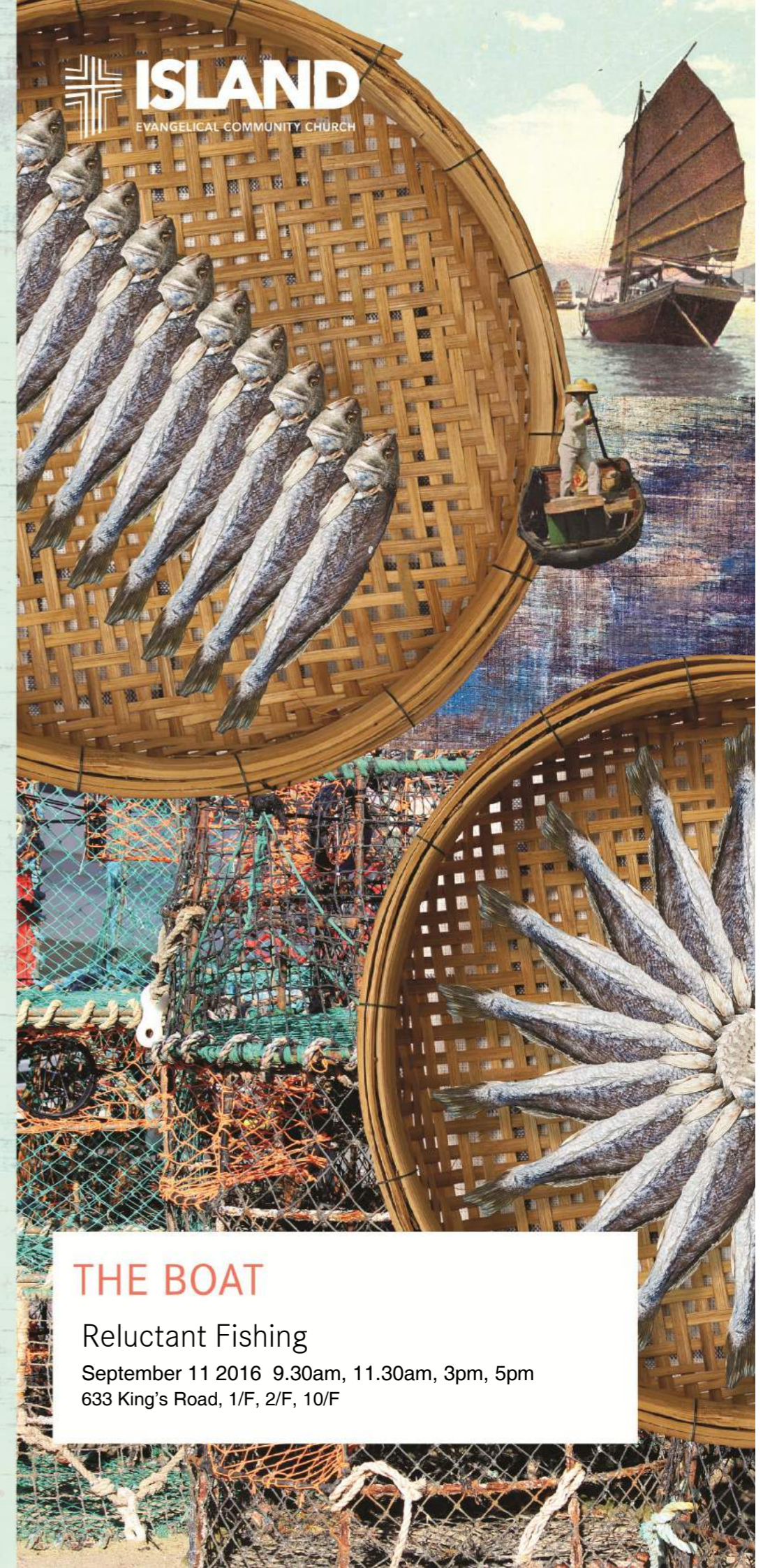
Welcome!

Fragrant Harbour. It is said that Hong Kong got its name from the smell of sandalwood incense factories that produced a distinctive smell. Though our harbour today is hardly "fragrant", it remains as one of the great reasons why Hong Kong has thrived throughout the years.

A free port and a deep-water harbour have made Hong Kong an attractive place for business and commerce. But hundreds of years ago, our world-class city was little more than a fishing village. In fact, in 1841, the official population was just 7,450, most of whom were fishermen. Our fishing village has grown considerably!

When Jesus began his ministry, he started in fishing villages. Calling disciples to "leave their boats", he built his ministry team among men who knew the sea. And so we launch a new series, called "The Boat", looking at Jesus' words spoken in and among the harbours of the 1st century.

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GENERAL OFFERING

YEAR TO DATE (1 WEEK)

29% surplus on giving

YTD Budget \$1.4M
YTD Giving \$1.8M
YTD Variance \$0.4M

FISCAL YEAR SEP 2016 – AUG 2017

PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)



Weekly Budget 1,404
Weekly Giving 1,819
Weekly Variance 415

Bold Faith Fund \$116.4M Received \$67M Outstanding Pledge \$49.4M

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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THE BOAT

Reluctant Fishing

September 11 2016 9.30am, 11.30am, 3pm, 5pm
633 King's Road, 1/F, 2/F, 10/F

HIGHLIGHTS

SEP 13 MEN'S FRATERNITY (MF) KICKOFF

Men's Fraternity equips men to move deeper in their experience of God in order to apply truth to their lives. We meet each Tuesday night before breaking off into tracks on various themes in small groups. Join us on Tuesday at 7.30pm on the 10/F. For more information contact men@islandecc.hk.

SEP 14 & 28 THE VILLAGE KICKOFF - WITH BIG SURPRISES!

Ladies, say goodbye to Summer and hello to Fall! Join us for two special kickoff events! Wednesday is our new season kickoff where you'll discover the study streams, meet your stream leaders and enjoy worship beginning at 7:30pm on the 11/F in The Well. Then, on Sep 28, we'll get to hear from special guest Tracy Trinita, Indonesia's first-ever super model, now an apologist for RZIM. "From Supermodel to Pastor", Tracy's talk, will begin at 7:30pm on the 2/F.

SEP 24 RZIM CONFERENCE

The Annual "RZIM in Asia" conference will be hosted by Kong Fok Church on Sep 24. Ravi Zacharias, John Dickson, among others, will be speaking. For details, please visit www.kongfok.org or call 2521 2500.

SEP 25 NEWCOMERS LUNCH

If you're new to the church and want to know more about Island ECC, please join us for a Newcomers Lunch on Sep 25 at 1:15pm in the 11/F Living Room. There is no cost for this lunch, but you do need to register online or at our Connect Counters.

OCT 2 KIDS CLUB FX: COURAGE

Kids Club families are invited to join us for Kids Club FX: Courage. Learn all about being brave enough to do what you should do, even when you're afraid. Come for a dynamic and faith-building time with the entire family through worship, skits, games, and giveaways! Sunday, Oct 2 at 1:30pm in 10/F Worship Hall. Free event tickets and \$50 lunch coupons are available at the Welcome Desk.

CLASSES

[REGISTER AT ISLANDECC.HK/CLASSES](http://islandecc.hk/classes)

TODAY & SEP 25 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 today & Sep 25 (both classes required), 5pm, 10/F Classroom. Sign up at islandecc.hk/baptism.

SEP 18 GROW DISCIPLESHIP COURSE AND LAUNCH PARTY

Do you want to take your walk with Christ to the next level? Join the GROW discipleship course (formerly 2:7) which starts on September 18 (9.30am/11.30am) to learn what it means, and how to grow as Christ's disciples. Find out more about the course at the GROW launch party today from 1.30-3.30pm, 10/F Worship Hall. Lunch will be served.

SEP 19 "GOD, ARE YOU THERE?" - A STUDY OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

This women's Precept study will lead you on a life-changing adventure into the Gospel of John using the inductive study method. You will come away with solid, tested understanding of Bible study methods, knowledge of who God is and how to know Him better. Mondays, 10.15am-12.45pm, 8/F Classroom.

SEP 26 FALL ALPHA COURSE

Looking for answers to life? Alpha is a 10-week opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a laid-back environment. It is a practical intro to the basics of Christianity centred around a meal, a talk and a small group discussion. Join us every Monday starting Sept 26. 7pm, 2/F Auditorium.

OCT 5 DIVORCE CARE SUPPORT GROUP

Divorce and separation bring deep hurts and raise complex issues. This support group combines video sessions with group discussions led by safe, caring people. Sessions are for both men and women (who meet together for video and then meet in separate small groups for discussion). Wednesdays, Oct 5-Nov 30, 7:30pm-9:30pm, 8/F Living Room.



OUTREACH

SEP 18 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.

SEP 18 & 24 ELDERLY HOME VISITS TRAINING & RECRUITING

Monthly elderly home visits is one of Hope of the City's focus areas. Volunteers have been visiting the same people once every month in Shek Kip Mei and Ngau Tau Kok areas. We are now looking for new volunteers to join this ministry. If you are interested, a training will be provided at 8/F Classroom, 1:15-3pm on Sep 18. Beyond training, we are recruiting new volunteers to join this ministry for the next 6 months starting Sep 24. Email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com for more information.

SEP 18 DENTAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CAMBODIA MISSION TRIP

We are looking for dentists, doctors and nurses to pioneer a medical team to Kampot, Cambodia. We will also need extra helping hands to bring compassion and care to this quaint village. Trip dates are November 2-6, 2016. Application is now open at islandecc.hk/outreach/global. Sign up and plan to come to the Outreach Open House on Sep 18 where more information will be given.

OCT 2 SIGN UP FOR PHILIPPINES MISSION TRIP

Join us December 22-28 to bring hope to transform a community in Cebu, Philippines. We trust that this experience of serving and growing together will free, renew, and transform you as well. Sign up is now open at islandecc.hk/outreach/global. Come to our information session, October 2, 2pm, 10/F Classroom, and learn more.

OPPORTUNITIES

SHORT TERM CONTRACT POSITION - CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We are looking for a Coordinator for our Children's Ministry to work 40 hours/week from October 7 to February 14, including Sundays. If you have a heart for children, enjoy organising, and can prepare for Sunday Kids Club and special events, please send a cover letter and CV to hr@islandecc.hk.

HOPE OF THE CITY - COORDINATOR OF VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for a full-time coordinator to build, maintain and strengthen Hope of the City's volunteer database and to oversee volunteer relationships and recruitment. This requires good administration and people skills and a heart for the disenfranchised in Hong Kong. Full written and spoken fluency in English and Cantonese is needed. To apply, please send a cover letter and CV to hr@islandecc.hk.

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.

Mission trip to Mongolia



11 SEPTEMBER 2016

Reluctant Fishing

Luke 5:1-3

¹ One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around Him and listening to the word of God. ² He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then He sat down and taught the people from the boat.

1. _____ in small things

Dan 11:32b

...but the people who know their God will display strength and take action.

Luke 16:10

¹⁰ "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.

Luke 5:4-6

⁴ When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." ⁵ Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because You say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶ When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break.

2. _____ even with reluctance

Luke 5:7-8

⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. ⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!"

3. _____ of sin

Luke 5:9-10

⁹ For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰ and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people."

4. _____ at the character of God

Luke 5:11

¹¹ So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed Him.

5. _____ of something

2 Cor 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come; The old has gone, the new is here!