



Welcome!

Today we end our series on The Boat with a brief story where Jesus takes his disciples on a boat ride across a lake for a getaway from the demands of the crowd.

Here in Hong Kong, we definitely know about crowds and the demands of high-speed life. We deal with them daily. As much as we know about living in a crowded city, most of us find ourselves at a loss about how to handle it.

In a brief Biblical account, Jesus demonstrates some brilliant ways to deal with our need for getting away from time to time. You may be surprised how much can be learned from such a simple story.

Oh yes, in addition to this, in your seats today you will find a card that offers some practical help on how to use scriptural principles to RELAX. Enjoy.

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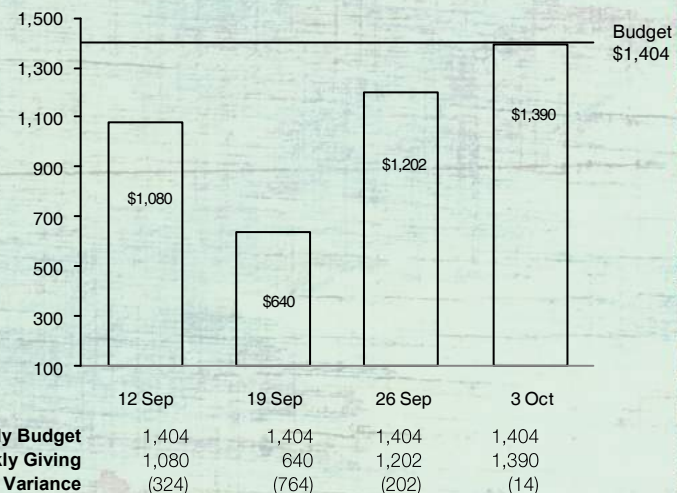
FISCAL YEAR SEP 2016 – AUG 2017

YEAR TO DATE (4 WEEKS)

12.8% deficit on giving

YTD Budget \$7.0M
YTD Giving \$6.1M
YTD Variance -\$0.9M

PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)



Bold Faith Fund \$116.8M Received \$70.2M Outstanding Pledge \$46.6M

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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THE BOAT

The Getaway

October 9, 2016 9.30am, 11.30am, 3pm, 5pm
633 King's Road, 1/F, 2/F, 10/F

HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY **BABY DEDICATION**

We are delighted today to join with two families in the dedication of their children to the Lord: Taylor Noelle Woo, born 15 October 2015, to parents Timothy & Carrie (9:30am, 2/F)
Boaz Chiu, born 18 September 2015, to parents Kin & Winnie (11:30am, 2/F)
We warmly welcome all family and friends visiting for this occasion.

OCT 22 **MARRIAGE SUMMIT — TICKETS AVAILABLE**

Marriage is great! It's kind of like climbing a mountain; you get stronger as you go and the views get better, but it's not without its challenges. Mark your calendars for this special 1 day Marriage Summit. Tickets are limited and available at Connect Counters today for \$500 per couple.

OCT 22 **PRAYER HIKE**

Love God and like nature? Join us for a purposeful morning on the Lung Fu Shan trail at 9:30am. Check online church events to register, or for more details, email prayer@islandecc.hk.

OCT 26 **“SHE OBJECTS” DOCUMENTARY SCREENING**

Did you grow up hearing “You’re too fat!” or “You’re ugly!”? Was there a formula you had to follow to be accepted as a woman in your family, community or social circles? “She Objects” is the first documentary of its kind in Hong Kong that explores how the media sexualises and diminishes women, resulting in heartbreaking issues with eating disorders and violence. Join us for the screening and an open dialogue on Oct 26 at 7:30 pm, 2/F.

CLASSES

REGISTER AT ISLANDECC.HK/CLASSES

TODAY **REASONABLE HOPE**

All religious beliefs and all humans face two profound questions: Why does evil exist? What happens when we die? Join Martin Radford to explore these crucial issues in the 2nd part of the Reasonable Faith series. Sundays, 11:30am-1pm, 8/F classroom.

TODAY **LETTER TO THE HEBREWS**

The Biblical book of Hebrews tackles questions both ancient and modern, such as: Can Christians fall away? Is Jesus really God? How do I know God is trustworthy? Join Pastor Alistair on a walk through the Letter to the Hebrews! Sundays, 3-4.30pm, 10/F classroom.

OCT 16 **MONEY & MARRIAGE**

Please join Jeff Ryan and team in this discipleship study as we learn about God's role in our marriage and finances. This life-changing study will help us to discover God's approach in strengthening our marital relationships. Sundays, 9:30-11am, 10/F classroom.

OCT 23 **HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE**

Join Joseph Mohan in this upcoming class, which will teach the basic principles of Bible Study Method. You will also be given opportunities to practice your newly learned skills. Sundays, 9:30-11am, 8/F classroom.



OUTREACH

OCT 10 **CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL FAMILY OUTING**

Hope of the City is partnering with Yan Kei Evangelical Church to spend this traditional Double Ninth Festival with low-income families at the Double Haven in the north-eastern New Territories areas from 8am to 5:30pm. For more information, please email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com.

OCT 17 **KAIROS: GOD, THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD**

The Kairos Course will change your perspective, deepen your understanding and inspire you to go on mission. Oct 17-Nov 4, Mon, Wed, Fri, 7:00pm-9:30pm. For registration and more information, email go@islandecc.hk.

OCT 23 & 30 **FOOD DRIVE — RICE HARVEST SEASON**

Did you know October is peak time for rice harvesting in Southern China, but 1.5 million people in Hong Kong go hungry every day. Hope of the City wants to help change that by holding a food drive for Feeding Hong Kong over two Sundays. Bring your contributions to church and drop them in the boxes. For more information, please visit www.hopeofthecity.com.

OCT 30 **ISRAEL STUDY TRIP 2017 — APPLICATIONS OPEN**

Israel Study Trip 2017 is now open for applications. Trip dates are April 2-14, 2017. Spaces are limited. Application deadline is October 30th. For details of itinerary and cost, please contact Pastor Albert Ng at albert.ng@islandecc.hk.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

For more information visit islandecc.hk/about-us/employment-opportunities.

ASSIMILATION MINISTRY ASSISTANT - SUNDAY CONTRACT POSITION

To provide practical help and logistical back up in supporting our teams of volunteers for our Sunday services. Serve two services every Sunday.

PRODUCTION MANAGER - SUNDAY CONTRACT POSITION

We are looking for a Production Manager to oversee the audio-visual aspects for all Sunday services on one floor each week, and at occasional events. An understanding of presentation software, computers, network drives, video and lighting would be beneficial. Must have a sharp eye for detail and be proficient in written and spoken English. If you are interested, send a CV to hr@islandecc.hk

SUNDAY CARETAKER

To support our Sunday services and events, including room set up. 10 hours per week including other occasional weekday hours as needed. Contact the Director of Ministry Support, tel: 2864 9338

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, 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



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The Getaway

Jesus said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves.

Mark 6:31-32

1. Jesus knew

2. Jesus accepted

3. Jesus was ready

What do you _____?

Who do you _____?

When can you _____?

Why are you _____?

How can you _____?