

Welcome!

The words Go Beyond are at the heart of the Great Commission to "go and make disciples of all nations." From the earliest days of the church, believers were given the mission to take the gospel beyond its origins, beyond the Jewish people and beyond Jerusalem to the rest of the world. If not for the key words to Go Beyond, we wouldn't be worshipping here together today!

We're honoured to have our GO Conference speakers preaching today and helping us understand our participation in the Great Commission.

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HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY RED PACKET SALES

Lunar New Year is around the corner! Our laisee packes (each with a Gospel track) are now avilable at \$20/pack on all floors.

TODAY KID'S CLUB ORIENTATION - EXPECTING & NEW PARENTS

Your family's ministry begins at birth. Come and equip yourself to minister to your baby, and to learn more about Kid's Club. If you are an expecting or new parent (ages 0-2 years old), please join us at our orientation today at either 9:30am (10/F classroom) or 11:30am (8/F classroom). For more information, email kidsclub@islandecc.hk

JAN 30 FILIPINO MINISTRY - BELOVED CONFERENCE

The Beloved conference offers two great seminars: (1) The OT LIVE seminar will bring you on an adventure through the Old Testament that will help you experience God's story, the Bible. (2) "Chosen: When God Calls Your Name" a seminar on the life of Mary. Jan 30, 9-6pm, today is the last day to register. Email filipino@islandecc.hk for more information.

FEB 12 ISLAND BIBLE SEMINAR - DR. RIAD KASSIS

Island Bible Seminar will feature Dr. Riad Kassis, a theologian born in Lebanon, currently working in a ministry serving Syrian refugees. Dr. Kassis has great firsthand insight into the current situation of the Middle East. Join us on Feb 12, 2:30pm, 10/F Main Hall, to hear him speak on "What We Can Learn from Christians in the Middle East Today".

FEB 19 ark dragon boat

Island ECC's Ark Dragon Boat team is recruiting for the coming season. Join the Ark community to paddle hard, make genuine friendships, and enjoy an intimate community through dragon boat paddling! Registration starts today. For more details, email ark@islandecc.hk.

JULY 1 IY SUMMER CAMP

Ready for school to be out? Well, start planning your summer now and join Island Youth as we head to the beautiful beaches of Sanya for camp this year! Join us the first week of July for an unforgettable week of getting to know God alongside others, while enjoying the beach, rock climbing, basketball, trapeze, archery and more! For more details, email youth@islandecc.hk

CLASSES

FEB 5 managing money god's way

How can I take control of my finances and better plan for the future? What does it mean to be faithful with the money that God has entrusted to me? Come and explore the answers to these questions through the Bible in this 9-week course! 9:30-11am, 10/F classroom, \$500 for materials. Sign up at islandecc.hk/classes.

FEB 5 GROW DISCIPLESHIP COURSE

Want to take your walk with Christ to the next level? At GROW, participants learn how to establish a daily quiet time routine, read the Bible, fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ, witness to non-believers and more. GROW Discipleship Courses will start on February 5, 9:30am or 11:30am. Sign up at islandecc.hk/classes.

FEB 12 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 3-Sunday baptism class on Feb 12, 19 & 26 (all classes required), 11:30-1pm, 8/F Classroom. Sign up at islandecc.hk/baptism.

OUTREACH

TODAY men's vietnam mission trip info session

Join us on April 24–30, to bring hope to transform a community in Vietnam. Please come to our Information Session today at 1:30pm, 10/F Classroom, to learn more about this mission trip.

TODAY BEYOND SUNDAY

This is what missions is all about! Taking what we hear on Sunday out to the world outside the walls of church. We are excited to have our Supported Partners participate in a "Mega Sharing" next week. Come hear how people just like yourself discerned their call and took their first steps in missions. Today, 1:45 - 2:45 pm, 10/F Main Hall.

FEB 18 MOBILE SHOPPING FAIR

Each month, low-income families from Shek Kip Mei will order necessities from St. James' Settlement at a reduced fair price. Volunteers will help deliver these goods to the immobile families and spend some time chatting with them. We are looking for 10 volunteers to help out on Sat, 9am - 11.30am. Email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com for more information.

OPPORTUNITIES

KIDS CLUB NURSERY STAFF OPENING - SUNDAYS ONLY

If you love working with infants and small children ages 0-3 and assisting their parents, we are looking for Nursery Staff (Sundays only) to work with us for the morning services, 8:30-1:30pm. Please send cover letter and CV to hr@islandecc.hk.

KIDS CLUB MIDTERM VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT

If you love Jesus and love kids, we have a place for you. Kids Club is now recruiting volunteers mid-year to serve with us two times per month from now until the end of June. Contact us at kidsclub@islandecc.hk, or stop by our 9/f Welcome Desk for more information.

SUNDAY CARETAKER

We are looking for a Sunday Caretaker to work 10 hours per week including other occasional hours in the week as needed. Job includes all caretaker duties to support our Sunday services and events, including moving chairs and tables for room set up. If you are interested, please contact our Director of Ministry Support at the church office, tel: 2864 9338.

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.

Medical Cambodia Mission Trip



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The Shepherd Heart of God

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. ²But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered. "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴ "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbours together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

⁸ "Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbours together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' ¹⁰In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

¹¹Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

¹³ "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. ¹⁴ After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

¹⁷"When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' ²⁰So he got up and went to his father.

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him: he ran to his son. threw his arms around him and kissed him.

²¹ "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

²² "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate."

Luke 15:1-24



