# Welcome!

As we wrap up this series today, we're going to explore a topic that is so relevant to our lives. A favourite phrase of Christians and non-Christians alike is "Don't judge me!". But what does that really mean? And are we really not supposed to judge people? Why do most people enjoy passing judgement so often?

We'll answer these questions today.

Remember that tomorrow night is the kick-off for Alpha, our 10-week class on exploring Christianity. If you or a friend are looking for a fun, safe place to explore faith (free food provided is a great perk), join over 100 other people tomorrow night at 7:30. It's a great way to learn more about the essentials of Christianity.

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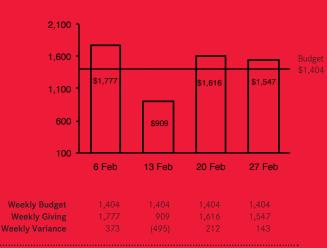
PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)

FISCAL YEAR SEP 2016 - AUG 2017

YEAR TO DATE (26 WEEKS)

-6.9% deficit on giving

YTD Budget YTD Giving YTD Variance \$36.5M \$34.0M -\$2.5M



Bold Faith Fund \$126.1M Received \$87M Outstanding Pledge \$39.1M

Bold Faith Initial Fund Raising Target \$1 Billion

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Good Judgement

March 5 2017 9:30am, 11:30am, 3pm, 5pm 633 King's Road, 1/F, 2/F, 10/F

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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. 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 NEWCOMERS LUNCH

Are you new to Island ECC? Want to know more about the church? If so, please join us at the Newcomers Lunch. Today, 1:30pm, 11/F Living Room C.

#### TODAY 2017 LENT DEVOTIONAL

To help you prepare well for Easter, we have an Easter devotional guide available: "Seek God for the City". \$10 each at our Quench on 1/F.

#### MAR 6 SPRING ALPHA COURSE

Looking for answers to life? Alpha is a 10-week opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed 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 Mar 6, 7pm, 2/F Auditorium. Register at islandecc.hk/alpha or contact alpha@islandecc.hk.

#### MAR 11-12 MEN'S RETREAT - THE GREAT GETAWAY

This spring, Men's Ministry will embark on a retreat together in the beautiful landscape of Lantau Island at YWCA Sydney Leong Holiday Lodge to enjoy a time of getaway from the hustle and bustle of Hong Kong, to rest, restore and re-energize as we fellowship, reflect and worship in reverence to God. Sign up at the Connect Counters on each floor.

#### MAR 12 WELCOME HOME VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Serving as a volunteer at Island ECC is both fun and rewarding. Come and hear about opportunities, Mar 12, 1:30-2:30pm, 11/F Living Room C. Sign up online or at the Connect Counter.

## MAR 23- APR 11 INSPIRED BIBLE EXHIBIT

Inspired: The Exhibit will unfold around ten themes and will include stunning scrolls, manuscripts, books and Bibles rarely seen publicly. This exhibit presents a historical perspective on the origin of the Chinese Bible, a replica of the Gutenberg Press, and an original Isaiah manuscript. It will be held at St Andrew's Church Kowloon, from Mon-Sat 10am-9:30pm, and Sun 3pm-9:30pm.

## MAR 25 prayer retreat

Make the most of this Lent season and the Inspired Exhibit devotional by joining us for a prayer retreat that focuses on the importance of knowing and living out His Word. There will be worship, corporate prayer, and time for guided individual reflection. Mar 25, 10am-4pm, 11/F Living Room, \$50 (includes lunch). Register at any Connect Counter.

#### **CLASSES**

For registration or more information, register online at islandecc.hk/classes.

## TODAY THE EXPLOSIVE GROWTH OF RADICAL ISLAM

Is the Islamic State Islamic or not? This one-off class gives an overview of Islam and equips you to answer those who claim that the Islamic State (ISIS) has nothing to do with Islam. Today, 2:30-5pm, 11/F Classroom

## TODAY INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIANITY

A course for people who are new to church, new to the faith, or just want to learn more about the doctrines of Christianity. Join Pastor Tim as he takes you through the essentials of what it looks like to follow Jesus, in a fun and informative way! Today, 3pm- 4:30pm.

## MAR 12 enriching your marriage

Your marriage is special and worth attention. Join other couples for this 3-week "check-up" to enrich your marriage. Couples will take an on-line evaluation between classes and will be provided with private printed material as feedback for them on essential marital themes. Sundays, 11:30am-1pm, 8/F classroom.



#### **OUTREACH**

#### MAR 11 IDEAL BIRTHDAY PARTY

The Intellectually Disabled Education and Advocacy League (IDEAL) is hosting a birthday party and recruiting fun and passionate volunteers like you to host games for their members! It only happens once every 3 months and limited to 5 volunteers, so come join us Mar 11, 2:30-4:30pm. For more information, please email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com.

#### APR 14 EASTER PRISON OUTREACH REGISTRATION OPEN

We will visit the English speaking inmates at the Pik Uk Prison, and share our faith with worship and testimony on Apr 14, 8:30am-1pm. Email your full name, gender and HKID number to go@islandecc.hk to register before Mar 12. Mandatory training on Mar 12, 2pm-3pm, 11/F Classroom. Priority will be given to men.

#### **OPPORTUNITY**

#### **BOLD FAITH DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

This full-time position will spearhead the development of the Bold Faith Initiative in building relationships and cultivating generosity to raise sufficient funds to acquire new church premises. We are looking for a mature Christian leader with solid managerial experience in development and fundraising. If you are interested, please send your CV and a cover letter 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 F 🖪 🗖

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.

GO Conference "Go Beyond"



#### **5 MARCH 2017**

## Good Judgement

"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

Matthew 22:36

<sup>37</sup>Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' <sup>38</sup>This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup>And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' <sup>40</sup>All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Matthew 22:37-40

"Do not judge, or you too will be judged. <sup>2</sup>For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

<sup>3</sup> "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? <sup>4</sup> How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? <sup>5</sup> You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

Matthew 7:1-5

