

Welcome!

It seems like every week there is some new technology to improve our standard of living, or a new app to help us be more efficient, or an ingenious #lifehack to minimise our stressors. Wouldn't it be nice to have that with our faith? Wouldn't it be nice if someone could let us in on that one secret that could push our faith forward and we could really be convinced?

Today we are going to look at a man named Nicodemus. From one late-night conversation, Jesus planted seeds in Nicodemus' heart that would grow over time. And these seeds wouldn't stop growing until Nicodemus was a convinced man of faith.

I hope you are excited to connect with Jesus as we learn from Nicodemus' story. And I hope you are ready for Jesus to plant some seeds in your heart today.

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Are you new here?
Come to our Newcomers Lunch
1:30pm, April 2, 2017
4/F Living Room C



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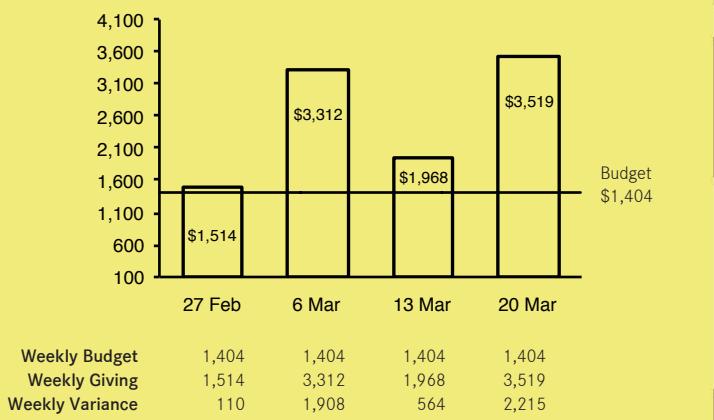
YEAR TO DATE (29 WEEKS)

5.0% surplus on giving

YTD Budget	\$40.7M
YTD Giving	\$42.7M
YTD Variance	\$2.0M

FISCAL YEAR SEP 2016 – AUG 2017

PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)



Bold Faith Fund \$126.8M Received \$89.8M Outstanding Pledge \$37M

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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HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY BABY DEDICATION

We are delighted today to join the Cheng family in the dedication of their child to the Lord: Zachary Cheng Chung Him, born on 30 March 2016 to parents Jonathan & Ling (9:30am, 10/F) We warmly welcome all family and friends visiting for this occasion.

EVERY TUESDAY MEN'S FRATERNITY

We believe men need other men. We need other men to rally around us, strengthen us, have man-to-man honesty, and experience got-your-back friendships. In short, men need each other; and Men's Fraternity aims to nurture a brotherhood where men seek to live each day for the God they love - come join us - every Tuesday, 7:30-9:30pm, 10/F. Dinner available at 7pm.

EVERY WEDNESDAY THE VILLAGE

The Village is going through "The Lost Women Series" where each week, one of the women in our congregation will be teaching on the courageous, resilient story of a woman in the Bible and weaving her own story into it. This week, we have Rebecca van den Brink unfolding the story of Hagar. Come join The Village, every Wednesday, 7:30- 9:30pm, 2/F.

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 Bible, a replica of the Gutenberg Press, and an original Isaiah manuscript. It is held at St Andrew's Church Kowloon, from Mon-Sat 10am-9:30pm, and Sun 3pm-9:30pm.

MAR 31 DONATIONS TO ISLAND ECC

Annual tax receipts will be issued mid-April 2017 for donations made to Island ECC from April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017. Donations should reach us by March 31. Anything received after this date will be included in next year's tax receipts. To update your correspondence address with us, please email finance@islandecc.hk.

APR 2 KIDS CLUB FX - HUMILITY

Bring the whole family to celebrate Easter, and learn all about Humility - putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve. Apr 2, 1:30pm, 10/F Auditorium. Please pick up free event tickets and optional lunch coupons from 9/F Welcome Desk.

APR 14 GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP AND COMMUNION

Appreciate and celebrate God's amazing grace to us on Good Friday, the day we remember Christ's sacrifice on the cross, with worship, reflection, prayer, and Communion. Apr 14, 7:30pm on 1/F, 2/F and 11/F.

JUL 1-5 IY SUMMER CAMP

Registration Deadline: Today

Get ready for an unforgettable summer with Island Youth's summer camp at the ClubMed Resort in Sanya! Each day we will have worship and small group sessions with intentional time to connect with God and others. For more information, email youth@islandecc.hk.

CLASSES

For registration or more information, visit islandecc.hk/classes.

APR 2 ART OF DATING

This 4-week class, with Pastor Tim, is designed for single people who want to explore together this mysterious journey we call dating and learn the biblical guidelines and practical tips that will help us to date in a godly way. Apr 2, 11:30am, 8/F Classroom.

APR 2 RIGHT PERSPECTIVES IN PRAYER

Knowing what God says about His relationship with us can make all the difference in how we pray. Join Jennifer Tow for a two-week workshop on having the right perspective in prayer on April 2 and 9, 3pm-4:30pm, 11/F Classroom.



OUTREACH

JUL 1-8 TAIWAN MISSION TRIP

Info Session: Today / Registration Deadline: Apr 16

For our 5th year, we continue to serve in an aboriginal village in Taiwan by caring for families and sharing the gospel through action. This year our trip will take place in early July. Come to our information session today at 1:15pm, 10/F Living Room. For more information, please email iecc.taiwan@gmail.com or register at islandecc.hk/outreach/global/roc/

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.

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Convinced

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.

²This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."

³Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹Nicodemus said to Him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except He who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life.

John 3:1-15

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](#) [t](#) [g](#)

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.



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