



Welcome!

Hope you are arriving at church today in a good frame of mind: relaxed, at peace, and eager to meet with God. We're in the middle of our series, Life Coach, and today we'll be covering Ecclesiastes. This is a book written by King Solomon, heralded as the wisest person that ever lived, reflecting on the meaning of life. I think you'll find this ancient text to be amazingly contemporary and relevant to your life today.

What a great week we have coming up, huh? Two public holidays in one week! Happy National Day and Mid-Autumn Festival to you! (This is when it's supposed to start cooling down, right?! I'm soooo ready for that!)

I hope you can make the most of your upcoming week through good times with family and friends.

Brett

Are you new here?
Come to our Newcomers Lunch
Today
1:30 pm, 10/F Living Room

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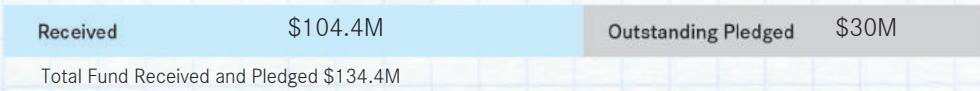
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BOLD FAITH OUR FOUR GOALS

The Bold Faith fund campaign is an initiative to establish a permanent venue in Hong Kong to advance God's kingdom. The objective is to raise sufficient funds to procure and own a building to enable our church to multiply ministries and serve our city well.

BRING PEOPLE TO WORSHIP JESUS	OPTIMISE TRAINING AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	LOVE THE CITY	DEEPEN RELATIONSHIPS AND COMMUNITY
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Bold Faith Fund [Target \$1 Billion]



GENERAL OFFERING

YEAR TO DATE (4 WEEKS)
-25.8% deficit on giving

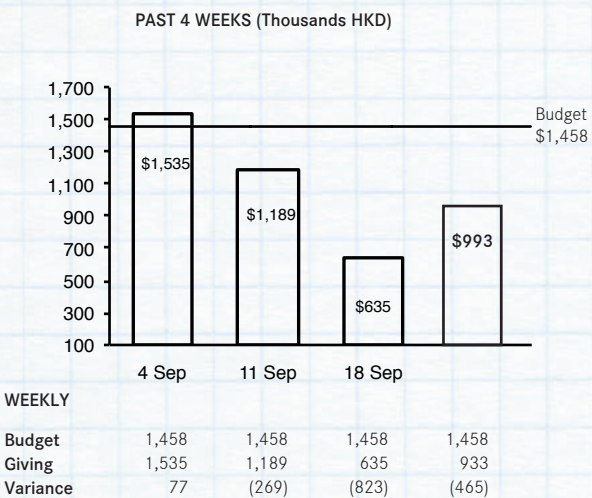
Budget	\$5.8 M
Giving	\$4.3M
Variance	-\$1.5M

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:
- 'Island ECC Ltd.' for HK tax receipts
 - 'Friends of Hong Kong Charities Inc.' for US citizens

Enquiries:
giving@islandecc.hk

FISCAL YEAR SEP 2017 - AUG 2018



LIFE COACH

Under the Sun

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



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.

OCT 3 **MEN'S FRATERNITY: FOOD, FUN & FIGHT NIGHT**

Are you staying in town for Golden Week and looking for a place to have some fun with fellow brothers? Come by Men's Fraternity for our Food, Fun & Fight Night this Tuesday! Dinner at 7pm. 10/F Auditorium.

EVERY WEDNESDAY **THE VILLAGE**

Ladies, come join The Village this week! We are exploring what it means to be fully alive in God, and diving into the power of our true identity and purpose. Join us for good food, community and fruitful conversations. Dinner at 7 pm. Wednesdays, 8 - 10 pm, 2/F Auditorium.

OCT 8 **KIDS CLUB FX: STEWARDSHIP**

Join us for Kids Club FX to learn all about stewardship: taking care of what you have because it all belongs to God. Pick up free event tickets and optional lunch coupons from the 9/F Welcome Desk. 8 October, 1:30 - 2:30 pm, 10/F Auditorium.

OCT 13-14 **"BEING ONE" SINGLES CONFERENCE**

This year's Singles Conference will focus on maximising the potential of being present, being fulfilled, and being one, featuring guest speaker, Brian Rayburn. Early bird tickets (\$300) are on sale at all Connect Counters. For more information, email singles@islandecc.hk.

OCT 15 **GO OPEN HOUSE**

Muslim communities are among the least impacted by the gospel, often due to common misunderstandings and prejudices about "them." We are excited to have Jay Smith, a PhD in Christian-Muslim apologetics, share key insights regarding Islamic cultures. 15 October, 2:30 - 4 pm, 10/F Auditorium. Register at islandecc.hk/go-open-house.

OCT 20-21 **JUSTICE CONFERENCE: LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR**

For this year's Justice Conference Asia, held at The Vine, we will hear from international justice voices who will explore what it might look like to love our neighbours as radically as Jesus did. Tickets available at all Connect Counters and online at www.thejusticeconferenceasia.com. (Special Church Group Rate: \$350 (enter promo code: JCA17IECC))

CLASSES

To register and for more information on the following classes, go to islandecc.hk/classes.

OCT 14 **"INTENTIONAL PARENTING" FOR YOUNG PARENTS**

We all want to love our children to the best we can. Join us for this 8-week beta care group study. Details and sign up at www.islandecc.hk/ParentingCG. Starts Saturday, 14 October, 4pm.

OCT 15 **HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE**

Have you ever wondered how you can understand the Bible in a systematic way and learn to apply the Word of God in your life? This 5-week class will teach you the basic principles and methods of Bible Study. Starts Sunday, 15 October, 11:30 am.

OCT 18 **DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP**

This divorce support group combines video sessions with group discussions led by caring people. Sessions are for women and men who meet together for video and then separate into small discussion groups. Starts Wednesday, 18 October, 7:30pm.

OCT 22 **CHRISTIANITY AND CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT**

As Christians, how do we engage with the culture around us? This class will look at how Biblical authors engaged with their culture, drawing lessons and applications for the modern world.

OCT 22 **FORGIVENESS**

God commands us to forgive. As challenging as it is, forgiveness ultimately heals us. Join this class to learn what the Bible teaches about forgiveness.

All Stars Volunteer Appreciation Party

OUTREACH

SEP-FEB **ELDERLY HOME VISIT RECRUITMENT**

We are looking for regular volunteers to visit elderlies in Ngau Tau Kok monthly to display the love of Christ. For more information, email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com.

OCT 15 & 22 **FOOD DRIVE: RICE HARVEST SEASON**

1.5 million people in Hong Kong go hungry everyday. Hope of the City wants to change that by holding a food drive for Feeding Hong Kong over the next two Sundays. Bring your contributions to church and drop them in the marked boxes. For more information, go to hopeofthecity.com.

DEC 21-28 **PHILIPPINES MISSION TRIP**

Registration Deadline: 13 October

We will be serving a local community in Cebu, Philippines by equipping them through a leadership program. For more information, email go@islandecc.hk.

OPPORTUNITIES

KIDS CLUB VOLUNTEERS (3PM SERVICE)

We are looking for small group leaders and large group leaders for Preschool and Primary children. For more information, email kidsclub@islandecc.hk.

PRODUCTION CREW VOLUNTEERS

Our Production Crew is looking for dedicated volunteers to help make our Sunday services a worshipful experience. You don't have to be a media professional to volunteer, just an eye for detail and passion to serve. For more information, email crew@islandecc.hk.

If you are interested in the opportunities below, send your CV and a cover letter to hr@islandecc.hk. Go to islandecc.hk/about-us/employment-opportunities for more information.

BOLD FAITH DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

This full-time position will spearhead the development of the Bold Faith Initiative to raise sufficient funds to acquire premises for our church.

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT

We are looking for a full-time, qualified and experienced accountant to join our Finance Team.

OFFICE ASSISTANT

We are looking for a friendly person with good communication and multi-tasking skills to provide full-time administrative and logistical support for the church office.

CONNECTING MINISTRY ASSISTANT - SUNDAY CONTRACT POSITION

We are looking for someone to provide logistical support for our volunteers on Sunday afternoons.

NURSERY STAFF - SUNDAY CONTRACT POSITION

We are looking for nursery staff to care for and teach children 0-3 years old in our Kids Club Nursery.

NEW TO ISLAND ECC

1 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.

2 VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Check out 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.

3 GET PLUGGED IN

We'd love to get to know you better! If you'd like to connect with any of our specific ministries, or have questions, please feel free to contact us via the following emails.

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Under the Sun

"Meaningless! Meaningless!" says the Teacher. Everything is utterly meaningless. What does anyone gain from all their labours at which they toil under the sun? Generations come and generations go, but the earth remains forever.

Ecclesiastes 1:1-4

What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun.

Ecclesiastes 1:9

I applied myself to the understanding of wisdom, and also of madness and folly, but I learned that this, too, is a chasing after the wind.

Ecclesiastes 1:17

I said to myself, "Come now, I will test you with pleasure to find out what is good." But that also proved to be meaningless.

Ecclesiastes 2:1

I became greater by far than anyone in Jerusalem before me. In all this my wisdom stayed with me. I denied myself nothing my eyes desired; I refused my heart no pleasure.

Ecclesiastes 2:9-10

Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless...

Ecclesiastes 2:11

So I hated life, because the work that is done under the sun was grievous to me.

Ecclesiastes 2:17

I have seen something else under the sun: the race is not to the swift or the battle to the strong, nor does food come to the wise or wealth to the brilliant or favour to the learned; but time and chance happen to them all. Moreover, no one knows when their hour will come: As fish are caught in a cruel net or birds are taken in a snare, so people are trapped by evil times that fall unexpectedly upon them.

Ecclesiastes 9:11-12

He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart. Yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

Ecclesiastes 3:11

I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that people will fear Him.

Ecclesiastes 3:14

Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter. Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the duty of every human being.

Ecclesiastes 12:13

TED talk referenced: Matthew O'Reilly - Am I Dying?

