

January 5, 2020

CHOICES

## The Gift That Keeps on Giving

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*Remain in Me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in Me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing.*

*<sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Now remain in My love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep My commands, you will remain in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commands and remain in His love. <sup>11</sup> I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.*

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*<sup>12</sup> My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup> You are My friends if you do what I command.*

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*<sup>16</sup> You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in My name the Father will give you.*  
John 15:4-5, 9-14, 16 (NIV)

Joy is:

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### Are you new here?

**We'd love to invite you to our Newcomers Lunch!**

Share your contact details via QR code or fill in below and place in the offering bag



Name

Email

Phone



# HIGHLIGHTS

## TODAY PRAYER AFTER SERVICE

We want to encourage you to set aside time to pray. Our prayer volunteers would love to pray for you.

## JAN 11 SEMINAR: AFTER SIX MONTHS, ARE YOU OK?

People in Hong Kong are suffering from the long-term impact of an unprecedented political conflict. Plan now to join with others to understand the dynamics of intense stress, how to deal with it, and how to keep relationships intact. Led by competent Christian counselors, this seminar will be held on Sat, Jan 11, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm in 10/F Worship Hall. Register at [islandecc.hk/stressseminar](http://islandecc.hk/stressseminar)

## JAN 12 NEWCOMERS LUNCH

If you're new to the church and want to know more about Island ECC, please join us for a Newcomers Lunch, 1:15 pm, 10/F Living Room. If we can help you with anything else, please email [new@islandecc.hk](mailto:new@islandecc.hk)

## JAN 19 PARENT TALK: THE IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

Deuteronomy 6 casts a vision for family life that aligns with God's design. In it, the family is seen naturally chatting about godly things throughout the day and creating physical reminders of God. Wherever you are with your family, whether God doesn't often come up or you can't stop talking about Him, come learn creative ways to engage as a family. Register at [islandecc.hk/parenttalk](http://islandecc.hk/parenttalk)

## FEB 21-22 GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT (GLS)

GLS is a two-day leadership training event featuring world-class speakers via videocast as well as live local influencers. Learn how to maximise your impact and inspire those around you. To take advantage of the early bird discount of \$350. Register at [glshk.org](http://glshk.org)

# CLASSES & SUPPORT GROUPS

To register and for more information on the following classes, go to [islandecc.hk/classes](http://islandecc.hk/classes).

## JAN 19 GROW DISCIPLESHIP COURSE INFO SESSION

GROW deeper in your relationship with God by developing habits like quiet time, reading God's Word and being in fellowship. Sign up for the info session on Jan 19, 1:30 pm, 10/F Worship Hall. New season starts on Feb 2.

## FEB 2 THE UNFINISHED STORY

God's Story doesn't end with the last book of the Bible. It's an unfinished story that is still being written and we have a role to play in it! This 4-week course is for anyone wanting to sharpen their understanding of missions by learning about God's heart for the lost in the Old and New Testaments, and the growth of the church. Material cost: \$100. 11:30 am, 7/F Classroom.

## FEB 2 GOD'S FINGERPRINTS

Did you know that God is actively at work in your life? Join Jonathan Lo in this 4-week class to see God's fingerprints more prominently, appreciate with a greater sense of clarity His shaping and forming, and draw key leadership principles from Dr. J. Robert Clinton of Fuller Theological Seminary. Material cost: \$200. 3 pm, 11/F The Well.

## FEB 5 THRIVE WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP

Are you feeling worried, lost, discouraged or empty? Are things not as good as you think they should be? Would you like to thrive rather than just survive? If so, this group is for you. Plan to join with similar women for a 6-week support group led by trained counsellors. 7:30 – 9:30 pm, 8/F Living Room.

# OUTREACH

## TODAY JAPAN OUTREACH PRAYER GATHERING

Japan ranks 11th in the world's country population, yet 98% of the population there is unreached. To all who have a heart for the people and care for the spiritual well-being of this nation, come join us at our prayer meeting on Jan 5, 1 – 3 pm, 10/F Classroom.

## JAN 11 NORTH POINT ELDERLY HOME VISITS

As Chinese New Year is approaching, Hope of the City is partnering with Hong Kong Family Welfare Society to visit the elderly living in Healthy Village Estate in North Point. We are looking for 15 volunteers to deliver gift bags and care for the elderly on Sat, 9 am – 12 pm. For more info, email [volunteer@hopeofthecity.com](mailto:volunteer@hopeofthecity.com)

## JAN 12 HOME VISITATION VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Regular home visitation is one of Hope of the City's focus area. We believe the needs in our city can only be met through consistent and healthy relationship building. Join us in a training to learn how to care for the physical, mental and spiritual needs of the deprived at 10/F Living Room, 1:30 – 3 pm. To register, email [volunteer@hopeofthecity.com](mailto:volunteer@hopeofthecity.com)

## JAN 26 LEBANON MISSION TRIP INFO SESSION

Trip Dates: April 24 – May 3

We will return to Lebanon to serve Syrian refugees who have been displaced by war. Working with local church partners, this team will organise English classes, visit refugee families, reach out to children and teens, and arrange morning assemblies. Join the info session to learn more! 1:30 pm, 10/F Classroom. For more info, email [go@islandecc.hk](mailto:go@islandecc.hk)

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## SUNDAY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Serving is at the heart of everything we do at Island ECC. It reflects the heart of God as Jesus declared that even He came to serve. If you want to help us make Sunday services awesome by making church warm and welcoming, brewing coffee, or baking. Register at [islandecc.hk/volunteer](http://islandecc.hk/volunteer)

# JOB OPPORTUNITIES

For more information about the below job opportunities, go to [islandecc.hk/about-us/employment-opportunities](http://islandecc.hk/about-us/employment-opportunities). If you are interested, send your CV and cover letter to [hr@islandecc.hk](mailto:hr@islandecc.hk).

- Coordinator of Youth Ministry
- Associate Director of Children's Ministry
- Coordinator of Children's Ministry

## GIVING TO ISLAND ECC

Generosity is at the heart of God, and it's our privilege and calling to imitate His generosity with all He's entrusted us. Every contribution goes to ministries which change lives in the church, the city and around the world.

To give electronically, or for information regarding Hong Kong or U.S. tax receipts, please refer to the QR code or visit [islandecc.hk/giving](http://islandecc.hk/giving).

Enquiries: [giving@islandecc.hk](mailto:giving@islandecc.hk)



## GENERAL OFFERING

LAST 2 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)			YEAR TO DATE (18 Weeks)	
	23 Dec	30 Dec	Budget	
Budget	1,663	1,663	Budget	\$28.9M
Giving	1,126	2,172	Giving	\$22.1M
Variance	(537)	509	Variance	-\$6.8M -23.5%

## BOLD FAITH FUND

Received	\$163.8 M	Pledges to be received	\$16.1 M
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