

# COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

## TODAY **Prayer After Service**

Prayer After Service is available on each floor at every service so feel free to pray with our prayer intercessors.

## TODAY **Newcomers Lunch**

If you're new to the church and want to know more about Island ECC, please join us for a Newcomers Lunch at 1.30pm on the 2/F. There is no cost for this lunch, but you do need a ticket to get in, so please pick up one at the Connect Counter.

## MAY 19 & 26 **Membership Class**

Find out how you can BELONG to Island ECC by joining us for the Membership Class. This will run for 2 Sundays at 3pm on the 9/F. Registration is required. Please email membership@islandecc.hk to register.

## MAY 25 **Silence and Solitude**

Join the women of our church in a day of prayer at Tao Fong Shan, Shatin with Cindy Aufrance where she will lead us in Prayer being the Language of Love, 9am-5pm. Register and pay \$150 at the Connect Counter, limited spots. Email women@islandecc.hk for more details.

## MAY 26 **CORE**

A time for the church leaders to bring you up to speed on what is happening in the church and where we are going. Attendance is open for all and expected of those who function in any leadership role in the church. 1.15-3.00pm on 2/F. A light lunch and childcare provided.

## JUNE 9 **Youth Baptisms**

We are preparing for youth baptisms at the 5pm service on June 9. If you would like to be baptised please contact youth@islandecc.hk.



## WATCH FOR... ON THE CITY

Weekly devotional and prayer thoughts by our Pastors & Elders.

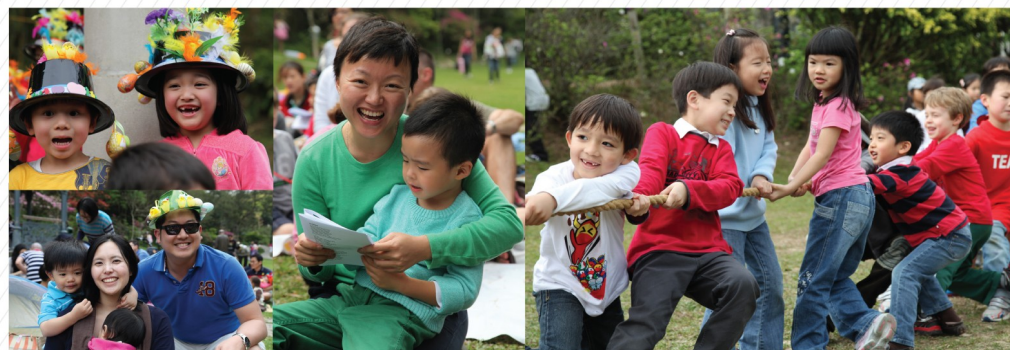
### NEW TO ISLAND ECC?

- 1 **MEET US AT THE CONNECT COUNTER ON 1/F**  
We are so glad that you're here today and would love to get to know you! The Connect Counter is located on the 1F and volunteers are there to answer any questions you might have about Island ECC and its different ministries and events.
- 2 **JOIN THE CITY**  
The City is the online connection point for Island ECC. It's limited to the people who attend our church and over 1,000 people are already using this fantastic tool. By creating an account and logging in, you'll have access to weekly devotionals, updates on events, the chance to connect with others and more!
- 3 **CHECK OUR WEBSITE**  
By visiting www.islandecc.hk, you'll have access to information about all our ministries, as well as a broad spectrum of resources - including video podcasts of sermons.

### WHAT IT MEANS TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN

- HE LOVES** God loves you because he chooses to. "God wasn't attracted to you and didn't choose you because you were big and important... He did it out of sheer love..." (Deut. 7:7-8). He loves you so much that...
- HE GAVE** He gave Jesus, His one and only Son. While we do wrong things daily, Jesus is sinless. Though sinless, Jesus took our sin. He died on the cross in our place. Our response to this great gift is simple...
- WE BELIEVE** We trust Jesus to do what we can't. We don't trust our own efforts to save us. We can't save ourselves. We don't place our trust in other people to save us. We believe in Him.
- WE LIVE** God gives us brand-new life. We have joy because of his Spirit living within us. Little by little his Spirit changes us to be more like Jesus. No guilt in life, no fear of death, He gives life, now ... and for eternity.  
  
You can tell God you accept Him now.  
"Father, I believe you love me. You gave your one and only Son so I can live forever with you. Apart from you, I die. With you, I live. I choose life. I choose you."

photos: Family Easter Picnic at the Peak



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## Lust To Purity

<sup>6</sup>Now Joseph was well-built and handsome, <sup>7</sup>and after a while his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, "Come to bed with me!" <sup>8</sup>But he refused. "With me in charge," he told her, "my master does not concern himself with anything in the house; everything he owns he has entrusted to my care. <sup>9</sup>No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?" <sup>10</sup>And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her.

<sup>11</sup>One day he went into the house to attend to his duties, and none of the household servants was inside. <sup>12</sup>She caught him by his cloak and said, "Come to bed with me!" But he left his cloak in her hand and ran out of the house. <sup>13</sup>When she saw that he had left his cloak in her hand and had run out of the house, <sup>14</sup>she called her household servants. "Look," she said to them, "this Hebrew has been brought to us to make sport of us! He came in here to sleep with me, but I screamed. <sup>15</sup>When he heard me scream for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house." <sup>16</sup>She kept his cloak beside her until his master came home. <sup>17</sup>Then she told him this story: "That Hebrew slave you brought us came to me to make sport of me. <sup>18</sup>But as soon as I screamed for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house."

<sup>19</sup>When his master heard the story his wife told him, saying, "This is how your slave treated me," he burned with anger. <sup>20</sup>Joseph's master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined. But while Joseph was there in the prison, <sup>21</sup>the Lord was with him; He showed him kindness and granted him favour in the eyes of the prison warden.

Genesis 39:6-21

### 1. Analysis of lust

- a. Lust is desire \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Lust is desiring pleasure \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Lust is desiring pleasure \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Handling temptation

- a. Joseph controlled his \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Joseph controlled his \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Myths about lust/sexual sin

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.
- e.

**SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE MEMORY**  
My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father — Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.  
1 John 2:1-2