

COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

TODAY Prayer After Service

Prayer intercessors are available on all floors after every service and would be happy to pray with you.

TODAY Quench Summer Sale!

Need to pick up some books for summer reading or maybe find a gift for a friend or family member? Come check out the Quench Summer Sale! Great books at discounted prices — up to 40% off! The sale will last for two Sundays starting 4 August. Don't miss this great opportunity to save!

AUG 18 Egypt Short Term Outreach Info Session

We will join hands with a team of Egyptian believers to share the gospel in Luxor in November. Find out what it's like to live in a Muslim-majority country and learn first-hand what God is doing in the midst of the current political situation. 2.30-4pm, 8/F, Room B.

AUG 18 Endurance Sports Info Session

Ever thought of being a tri-athlete? Join our Endurance Sports fellowship! Come learn that it is actually a very reachable goal and see how we can take part in a race together with a few months' training. It is also an excellent way to fellowship & outreach to other athletes. It will be Sunday, 2.45pm (for around 1 hour), 8/F. Speakers: triathletes & coach. For more information, email: sportsfellowship@islandecc.hk.

AUG 24 Sports Fellowship Junk Trip

The Junk Trip is finally here! Get your tickets now at the 1/F Connect Counter. \$300 (cash only) per person including boat fees/food/drinks. First come first served. Limited numbers.

AUG 31 Fuse Kickoff @ PLAY in Hong Kong

Our young adults ministry (FUSE) will be taking over PLAY from 1-3pm to kickoff the new year! PLAY is the premier indoor sports facility in HK and we have indoor ski slopes, baseball batting cages, video games and more! Food will be provided, so come hungry. The cost is only \$150 and you can register at the 1/F Connect Counter or on The City. Limited numbers.

Sham Shui Po Home Assessments and Home Visits

We are looking for volunteers for two upcoming local outreach opportunities: Home visits with YWCA to assess the needs of low-income households (Sham Shui Po, Saturday, August 24, 9.30am-1pm) and Mid-Autumn festival home visits (Sham Shui Po, Sunday, September 15, 2.30-5.30pm). Please email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com for more information or to register.

Kids Club — Fall Volunteer Recruitment

Interested in serving in our Children's Ministry? We are looking for teachers, assistants and worship leaders to begin serving on Sunday, September 1. There will be a New Volunteers Orientation on Sunday, August 25, 9.30am or Tuesday, August 27, 7.30pm, and a Teaching Lab training on September 14, 9.30am-4.30pm for all new and returning volunteers. If you are interested to sign up as a volunteer, please contact us at kidsclub@islandecc.hk.

Looking For Youth Volunteers!

Island Youth is seeking new, energetic volunteers who have a desire to help share the love of God with students in middle school and high school! There are opportunities to serve and grow on Sunday mornings as well as during the week. Please contact youth@islandecc.hk.

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New On The City

Job Opportunities

- Coordinator of Youth Ministries. A full-time position from 1 September.

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: "The Ark" The Island ECC Dragon Boat on race day



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Sermonator

²² Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

²⁴ "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. ²⁵ And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. ²⁶ From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. ²⁷ God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ²⁸ 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'

²⁹ "Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. ³⁰ In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. ³¹ For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead."

³² When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some of them sneered, but others said, "We want to hear you again on this subject." ³³ At that, Paul left the Council. ³⁴ Some of the people became followers of Paul and believed. Among them was Dionysius, a member of the Areopagus, also a woman named Damaris, and a number of others.

Acts 17:22-34

1. Paul was _____ for the people.

"When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick."

Matthew 14:14

2. Paul _____ shared his message.

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves ..."

Philippians 2:3

3. Paul _____ to the culture.

"... I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings."

1 Corinthians 9:22-23

4. Paul _____ the gospel.

"For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God."

1 Corinthians 1: 22-24