

COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

TODAY FUSE Singles Conference — Early Bird Registration

The single life. A life of excitement, independence, new beginnings and making memories. This will be a diverse conference (Friday 25 and Saturday 26 October), featuring international and local guest speakers and creative elements all centred around the many aspects of the single life! Early Bird Registration (\$250 per person) begins at the 1/F Connect Counter.

TODAY Morocco 2013 Renewing Strength — Application Deadline

This year, we will bring medical care to remote areas, spend time with the physically handicapped, and share business & IT skills to help people keep up with today's economy. Learn more at www.islandecc.hk/ministries/missions.

TODAY 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.

TODAY Endurance Sports Info Session

Ever thought of being a tri-athlete? Join our Endurance Sports fellowship today! Come and see this is a very reachable goal and take part in a race together with a few months' training. An excellent way to fellowship and outreach to other athletes! 2.45-3.45pm, 8/F, Room C. Speakers: triathletes & coach. For more information, email: sportsfellowship@islandecc.hk.

AUG 31 Fuse Kickoff @ PLAY in Hong Kong

Our young adults ministry (FUSE) will be taking over PLAY from 1pm to 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.

SEP 8 Taiwan STO Sharing Session

Let's praise God for His miracles in Taitung, Taiwan. 24 baptisms and many more personal experiences with Christ. Come and share the joy from our team! 2-4pm, 8/F, Room A.

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 (Saturday, August 24, 9.30am-1pm) and Mid-Autumn festival home visits (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 Ministries? We are looking for teachers, assistants and worship leaders to begin serving on September 1. There will be a New Volunteers Orientation on August 25, 9.30am or August 27, 7.30pm, and a Teaching Lab training on September 14, 9.30am-4.30pm for all new and returning volunteers. Contact kidsclub@islandecc.hk to sign up.

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. For more details, please contact youth@islandecc.hk.

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New On The City

Job Opportunities

Coordinator of Youth Ministries. A full-time position with Island ECC Youth. Visit The Marketplace.

Volunteer needed

Our Indonesian Ministry is looking for a volunteer Guitar Instructor. For more details please visit The Marketplace.

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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Dude, Where's My Chariot?

1. Follow Jesus even when you _____ what

He is up to.

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." ²⁷ So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Candace (which means "queen of the Ethiopians"). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸ and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. ²⁹ The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it." ³⁰ Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. ³¹ "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

Acts 8:26-31

2. Follow Jesus because He followed God's will to _____
_____ for you.

³² This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ³³ In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth." ³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" ³⁵ Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

Acts 8:32-35

3. Follow Jesus to share the good news to _____.

³⁶ As they travelled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptised?" ³⁸ And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptised him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and travelled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

Acts 8:36, 38-40