

COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

TODAY Women's Conference — Last Sunday to register

Our Women's Conference entitled "Half The Church: Recapturing God's Global Vision For Women" is on May 22-23. Pick up a copy of the book and your tickets today! For more information go to <http://www.islandecc.hk/ministries/women/> and click the link to Half The Church. Ticket price \$350; Combo (book & ticket) \$420 at the Connect Counter.

TODAY Outreach Ministry Supported Partner Prayer Focus

Island ECC partners with Sundanese Christian Fellowship to reach the hardest to access areas of Indonesia among the Sundanese People Group. SCF introduces libraries and literacy tools to build relationships with the community and begin a natural dialogue about everyone's ultimate need of Christ.

TODAY Renew Worship CD Available

After an exciting debut on iTunes, the Home CD from Renew Worship is available today at Quench for \$100. We hope this music encourages you and draws you closer to God!

TODAY Kids Club Graduation - Red Sea Sr. (Year 6/Grade 5)

For parents of Year 6/Grade 5 children. Do come and join this special graduation celebration today at the 9.30 & 11.30 services, for your children moving up to Youth/Middle School in August. Group Leaders, Kids Club Staff, Pastor Sherman Chau and Middle School Director Eric Farmer will all be present.

MAY 24 & 31 Baptism Class

Baptism is an outward expression of an inward faith. If you're interested in being baptised, please plan to attend the 2-Sunday baptism class, 3pm, 8/F (both classes required). You can register by emailing baptism@islandecc.hk.

MAY 30 IDEAL Family Engagement Program Briefing

The Intellectually Disabled Education and Advocacy League (IDEAL) is hosting a 3-year family engagement program and is recruiting passionate Cantonese-speaking volunteers like you! Join their briefing, 10am-12pm to learn more. Email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com for information.

MAY 31 Yunnan Mission Trip Sharing

The growth of the church in China partly hinges on the young generation. Our vision is to see the next generation of China's church getting a solid biblical foundation. Come to our sharing and find out how you can empower and encourage children and youth workers in China. 3-4.30pm, 10/F Classroom.

JUN 12 Pure Desire Celebration Dinner: Regaining the Battle Ground

If you have ever joined a Pure Desire Group, just once, or currently participating or have graduated; come celebrate with us. We will have a buffet meal together, a time of worship, and share God's goodness and vision of Pure Desire in HK and beyond! 7.30-10pm, 2/F. There is no cost for the dinner, but registration is required so we can prepare the food. For more details, visit www.islandecc.hk/men/.



On The City

Staff Vacancies on the Marketplace

- **Graphic Design Assistant** — We are looking for a full-time Graphic Design assistant to make God's church beautiful. A serving heart is a must and portfolio is required.
- **Coordinator of Volunteers** — A full-time position for an enthusiastic and outgoing person with good administrative skills to support the volunteer work for Sunday services and special events.
- **Junior Accounting Assistant** — A full-time position to assist in our busy Finance Department. Good maths and computer skills especially Excel. Willing to develop accounting skills.

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! The Connect Counters are located on the 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

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 3,000 people are already using this fantastic tool. By creating an account and logging in, you'll have access to weekly devotionals, updates on events and the chance to connect with others. Sign up now at the Connect Counter.

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.

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."

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A Life Of Focus

⁵⁷ As they were walking along the road, a man said to Him, "I will follow you wherever you go."

⁵⁸ Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay His head."

⁵⁹ He said to another man, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."

⁶⁰ Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

⁶¹ Still another said, "I will follow You, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family."

⁶² Jesus replied "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

Luke 9:57-62

Alpha Retreat

