

Welcome!

Get ready!

Today, we start our "Ask Anything" series with the question of the environment, environment, creation and how we are to handle it in our every day life. The environment, what is and what is not happening to it and how as humans we should respond is one of the most hotly debated topics around the world... Even among Christians. Today, we want to take a look into God's Word and see what we can learn about "environmentalism" and how we as Christians should address and respond to this very important topic.

Just to give you a heads up the next few sermons will deal with issues like:

- How do I know when I am living life well?
- What do I say to "Darwin"?
- What do I say to "Freud"?
- How do I respond to "Oprah"?
- What about evil, pain and suffering in this world?

We hope you are blessed and meet the Lord in a special way today as we worship Him together.

JULY / AUGUST 2008						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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MEN / CONTACT TOBIN MILLER / men@islandecc.hk

Men's Fraternity

The Men's Fraternity is part of the Men's Ministries for Island ECC. Come join us on "The Great Adventure". We will look into the Bible to see what it means to be a man after God's heart.

- Tuesday, 8pm-9.30pm at Classroom A, 8/F, 633 King's Road, Quarry Bay.
- Wednesday, 12.30pm-2pm at Chiap Hua Ltd, Worldwide House, 19/F, 19 Des Voeux Road, Central.

Men's Bible Study

We will be following the sermon series on "The Sevens". Please email Charles Chu at cc147@netvigator.com. Sandwich & soup at \$20.

- Monday, 12.45pm-2pm at 13/F Nan Fung Tower, 173 Des Voeux Road, Central.

For Men Only

This group is on summer break. The start up date will be announced after the summer.

WOMEN / CONTACT WIS SHIH / wis@islandecc.hk

Women's Bible Study Classes

THURSDAY

- 9.30am-11.30am Loving Your Husband Kathy Hamilton (6055-2896) & Christina Miller (2570-3411)

Join us whether getting married, just married or married a long time.

Single Mom's Inspirational League ("S.M.I.L.E")

S.M.I.L.E consists of caring single mothers who are willing to share, pray and grow in Christ together. We meet twice a month. We will be having our summer break from July to the end of August. For more information, please contact Elaine Louie (elainefaylouie@yahoo.com or 9243-7716).

CHILDREN / CONTACT GLEN BRADEN / glen@islandecc.hk



Kid's Club is for all children ages 0 to 10. This summer at 9.30am and 11.30pm we offer the following programmes for your kids:

- At 9.30am and 11.30am - 0-2 year olds - Faithweaver
- 3-5 year olds - In The Beginning, Jumping Into God's Story
- 6-10 year olds - Large-As-Life Bible Adventures
- At 5pm - Childcare for 0-10 year olds.

For more information on classes or how you can be involved with Kid's Club, please contact us at kidsclub@islandecc.hk or call 2864-9319.

YOUTH / CONTACT TIM LATOUR / tim@islandecc.hk



Friday nights ages 11-14



Friday nights ages 15-18



Sunday mornings ages 11-18

We have returned safe and sound from the Philippines where we helped the people of Bacolod in partnership with ICM. Praise God! Thank you for your prayers! Look forward to an informational video. Let Him who boasts, boast in the Lord!

The Island Youth High School group returned safely from India this week after an amazing trip! We want to thank you for your prayers and support while we were in India serving the children of Touch of Mercy and Day Spring Children's Homes. It was a very powerful trip and we were all richly blessed by the relationships that we made. Also, for those of you who supported us financially through our different fundraisers, your money helped to change lives! Thank you for being faithful in giving! There are no events scheduled for Encounter at the moment, but please check our website soon to see what's happening in the near future!

High Schoolers will be continuing the series on "How to Study the Bible" at 9.30am in "The Edge" on 9/F. No middle school class this week please take this time to enjoy worship with your family!

For more information, please check out our website at www.islandyouth.hk.

CARE GROUPS / CONTACT TOBIN MILLER / caregroup@islandecc.hk

Do you find it hard to meet people after the church service? Want to be involved in a vibrant community of other believers - sharing life experiences and encouraging one other in the Christian life? You need to be in a care group so you can develop deep fellowship with others, pray and be prayed for, worship and study God's Word. Get connected TODAY! Pick up a care group pamphlet in the foyer or email caregroup@islandecc.hk.

The Ark

An intergenerational and multinational group of married couples and singles has started. The group is open to couples with children from ages 4 to 14 who would like their children to be involved in the fellowship time. It will be on the first three Fridays of the month. For more information, please email Pastor Tobin at tobin@islandecc.hk.

Hosana

We are a group of young singles and marrieds, with a desire to form a loving community that equips people for serving God. We are also dedicated to knowing and following the heart of God. We meet every Thursday at 7.30pm in Tin Hau. Come join us! Contact Pui at 9173-0926 if you are interested.

GLOBAL OUTREACH / CONTACT WILLIAM PRITCHARD / will@islandecc.hk

Roadside — Cantonese Youth Outreach

Roadside Ministry is a local outreach to teenagers, many who are orphaned or have difficult home situations. We meet on 8/F, 633 King's Road, Quarry Bay for a time of fellowship, songs, games on the following days:

- Sunday afternoon - local teens English tutoring and Bible study. Email Ida McCormack (idamacks@hotmail.com).
- Saturday Roadside, 2pm-6pm. For details, email Ida McCormack (idamacks@hotmail.com).

Cantonese tutor needed: Roadside would like to provide some basic Cantonese training/translation for volunteers who enjoy the ministry but only speak English. If you are interested, please email Ida at idamacks@hotmail.com.

- Saturday morning, 10am-12noon - primary children programme of Po Leung Kuk. Call Pat Cheng at 2792-7284.

Filipino Ministries / CONTACT RIZA GUEVARRA / riza@islandecc.hk

- Today's activity : Bible Study on "How to Be Victorious over Temptation" at 2.30pm
: June and July Birthday Celebration at 4.30pm
- Saturday's activities : Cantonese Class from 10am-11am
: Lunch Fellowship at 1.30pm
: Bible study on "The Sin of Partiality" at 2.30pm
- Upcoming event : July 20 - Prison Visit

Note: No Cantonese class on July 20 & 27

Indonesian Ministries / CONTACT RIANI PARDEDE / riani@islandecc.hk / T: 2864-9382

- Today's Programmes : Prayer meeting from 10.30am to 11am
: Bible study / Fellowship from 11.15am to 12.30pm
: Community Lunch at 12.45pm
- Cantonese Classes : Mondays from 2.30pm to 4pm
: Thursdays from 2.30pm to 4pm
: Saturday from 2.30pm to 4pm
- English Classes : 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 2.30pm to 4pm
: NO classes on Monday, Thursday and Saturday
- Bible Study : Saturdays from 12.30pm to 1.45pm
: Brunch (Breakfast and Lunch) Fellowship at 10.30am

Please encourage your Indonesian helpers to join us. All Indonesian Ministries programmes are held at the Takbir Community Centre, 3/F, Morecrown Commercial Building, 108 Electric Road, North Point (Tin Hau MTR Exit A2).

Short Term Mission Trips

- Cambodia: November 22 - 30 (open for application)
- India: December 27 - January 4 (open for application)

MERCY MINISTRIES / CONTACT BRENDA COX / brenda@islandecc.hk

Prison Outreach

We have been given an opportunity to visit the men at Pk Uk Prison (Clear Water Bay) and Tung Tau Prison (Stanley) on the 1st and 3rd Sunday mornings of each month. We want to reach these inmates through worship, Bible study and one-on-one interactions. Join us to help make a real difference in these lives.

Orphanage Outreach

The weekly orphanage visits to Southern China are currently postponed until this fall.



TODAY Hip Hop Dance and Guitar Classes for Teens

Hip Hop Dance Class for Teens from 1.30pm to 3pm at the Kid's Worship Room on the 9th floor with instructor Steve Ward.

Guitar Class for Teens from 3pm to 4.30pm at the Kid's Worship Room on the 9th floor with instructor Kevin Kusunoki.

Class Fee: HK\$ 50 per lesson (paid at the beginning of each lesson to Instructor)

JULY 22 From Ordinary to Extraordinary

Bi-Monthly Women's Night Out on July 22, 7.30pm on the 8th floor, 633 King's Road. If you knew you couldn't fail, what would you do? Come see how Philippians 4:13 can be lived out in your life as it has been in others. Tickets are available on the 2nd floor TODAY. For information, contact Kathy Hamilton at kathyham@gmail.com or 6055-2896.

Pray for Mongolia and Uganda Mission Trip Teams

Island ECC will be sending out 2 more mission teams this summer to Mongolia (July 19 - Aug 3) and Uganda (Aug 2- Aug 11). Please pray for the teams as they prepare to go and for hearts to be ready to be transformed and used by God for His glory.

Learn to Worship with the Guitar

A new 8-session beginner guitar class is starting on July 30. If you have no music or guitar playing background and would like to learn to worship with the guitar, come join us! Lessons will be held on **Wednesdays, 7.30pm-8.30pm on the 8th floor, 633 King's Road**. Guitars are provided. Leader cost HK\$ 300. Schedule and registration can be viewed at www.worshipdynamics.com. For enquiries, email Ethan Pang at ethan.pang@tinypaces.com.

Paddle with the Church Team

Island ECC's dragon boat team, ARK is recruiting experienced paddlers and steersmen for a race in October in Shau Kei Wan. Please email eccdragonboat@gmail.com before July 20.

New Member Class Covenant

For those who attended the new member class 4 weeks ago and have not turned in your signed member covenant, please fill them out and turn them in with the offering bag or to Daniel Tse or to Pastor Tobin during church. Thanks.

Mayhem, Mutiny and Anarchy

That is what we will have on the 9th floor if we do not get enough Summer Volunteers. Our regular volunteers for Kid's Club have earned a much deserved and needed summer break. Please show them and your kids that you appreciate them by signing up to help even just once this summer. All you need is enthusiasm and a willing heart and we can make an amazing Kid's Club volunteer out of you! Here is an open door - what are you going to do with it? Sign up at the foyer or email us kidsclub@islandecc.hk.

Ways to Pray

Corporate Prayer

Come join us in praying for our church, community and the world in the following time and venue: 11am to 11.30am — at the foyer on the 1st floor
4.30pm to 5pm — at the coffee corner on the 2nd floor

Personal Needs

Questions about becoming a Christian? Prayer requests? Meet us near the stage after each service.

Vacancy in the Church Office

If you are interested in working at the church as a ministry assistant, there is an immediate opening. Please contact Karen Kwok at karen@islandecc.hk for details.



9.30am & 11.30am

Children ages 0-2 go straight to the Nursery. Children ages 3-10 go to Kid's Worship in the Lime Room. They will then go to their classes where they can be picked from:

Nursery (0 - 8 months)	Navy
Nursery (19 - 36 months)	Purple
Ages 3 - 5	Forest + Aqua
Ages 6 - 10	Lime + Green

5pm

All children go straight to the classrooms for care.

Ages 0 - 3	Purple
Ages 4 - 10	Blue



9.30am

High School
- The Edge



HOW TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN

Many people believe they are Christians because they were born in a religious home or go to church regularly, try to do their best, or live a good life. However, the Bible teaches that these things cannot make you a Christian. You become a Christian simply by taking these two steps:

1. Acknowledge that you (along with all people) have sinned and fallen short of God's standards. (See Romans 3.23)
2. Personally believe that Jesus Christ, who was God in human flesh, died for your sins on the cross and rose again. (See 1 Corinthians 15.3-4)

You may express your belief through prayer, asking Jesus to come into your life, and receiving him as God's gift to you. (See John 1.12)

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast. (Ephesians 2.8-9)

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TITHES & OFFERINGS

We encourage those who consider Island ECC their church home to prayerfully set aside a percentage of their income and donate it to the church on a regular basis. If you want to make special monthly tithing arrangements, please contact our Director of Finance, Karen Kwok at 2864-9334 or email her at karen@islandecc.hk.

Fiscal Year 1 Sep - 31 Aug				
Operating Fund	Annual Proposed Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Giving	YTD Variance
	\$28m	\$24.3m	\$23m	-\$1.3m
		Avg Weekly Budget	Last Week's Giving	Weekly Variance
		\$540,000	\$636,780	\$96,780

- For cheque payment, please issue to "Island ECC Limited".
- For US citizen/resident who wishes to have a US tax receipt, each donation must be at least US\$100 (or HK\$800) and issued to "Friends of Hong Kong Charities Inc." with nothing written on the lower left corner of the cheque. For offering via mail, please send it to "Island ECC Limited, 8/F, 633 King's Road, Quarry Bay, Hong Kong". Thank you.

Ask Anything

How Green Should I Be?

July 13, 2008 9.30am, 11.30am & 5pm
633 King's Road, First and Second Floor



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How Green Should I Be?

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Psalm 104

¹Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, You are very great; You are clothed with splendour and majesty.

²He established the earth upon its foundations, so that it will not totter forever and ever.

¹⁰He sends forth springs in the valleys; They flow between the mountains;

¹¹They give drink to every beast of the field; The wild donkeys quench their thirst.

¹⁴He causes the grass to grow for the cattle, and vegetation for the labour of man, so that he may bring forth food from the earth,

¹⁵And wine which makes man's heart glad, so that he may make his face glisten with oil, and food which sustains man's heart.

¹⁸The high mountains are for the wild goats; The cliffs are a refuge for the shepherds.

¹⁹He made the moon for the seasons; The sun knows the place of its setting.

²⁴O Lord, how many are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all; The earth is full of Your possessions.

²⁷They all wait for You to give them their food in due season.

³¹Let the glory of the Lord endure forever; Let the Lord be glad in His works;

Romans 1:20

For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

Genesis 1:22

God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth."

Genesis 1:27-28

²⁷God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Genesis 2:15

Then the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.

Genesis 3:17

Then to Adam He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat from it'; Cursed is the ground because of you; In toil you will eat of it all the days of your life."

Genesis 9:8-10

⁸Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying, ⁹"Now behold, I Myself do establish My covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you; of all that comes out of the ark, even every beast of the earth."

Romans 8:20-22

²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.

How Green Should I Be?

Revelation 21:1

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea.

Revelation 21:5

And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new". And He said, "Write, for these Words are faithful and true."

1 Corinthians 9:22

To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak; I have become all things to all men, so that I may by all means save some.

Fears

Why?

How?
