

Welcome!

Round 2 on the "Ask Anything" series deals with question of purpose and meaning... How do I play "The Game of Life"?

When I was 10 years old, my parents gave me the board game, "The Game of Life" and my life was heavily impacted. As I played, I learned that going to college was better than not going, marrying and having a lot of kids was a good thing, and that the goal in life was to retire to "millionaire estates" with the most money.

Every where we look, people are playing the game of life—some play it well and some not so well. Today, we want to look at God's Word and the wisest man ever, Solomon, and see if we can learn from him how to play the game of life.

We are so glad that you are worshipping the Lord with us today and we pray that you are blessed as we look at God's Word together.

Are you ready to play the game of life?

JULY / AUGUST 2008						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
TODAY 3 SERVICES: 9.30am, 11.30am, 5pm; Prison Outreach; Hip Hop Class	21 Men's Bible study	22 Women's Bible studies; BMW Night- From Ordinary to Extraordinary	23 Men's Fraternity	24 Women's Bible studies	25	26 Roadside Ministry
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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

TUESDAY (starting July 22)

- 12noon-2.30pm at 8/F, 633 King's Road Genesis and Psalms (in Korean) Grace Hur (6033-5791)

THURSDAY

- 9.30am-11.30am at 8/F, 633 King's Road 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 (elaine faylouie@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 11.30am 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.

Summer Fun on Thursdays is from 8.30am to 12noon. Please email kidsclub@islandecc.hk to sign up.

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



I know you've all been dying to get together soo....This Tuesday we will meet up for a night of MOVIE fun!! Bring your friends and we'll watch a movie--the movie is a surprise (ooooo exciting!!)--be at the EDGE (Youth room on the 9th floor) at 7.00pm, July 22!! See you there!!



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!

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

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 "From Ordinary to Extraordinary...Understanding God's Call" at 2.30pm
- Saturday's activities : Lunch Fellowship at 1.30pm
: Bible study on "The Secret of Christian Maturity" at 2.30pm

Note: No Cantonese class on July 26

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
- English Classes : 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 2.30pm to 4pm
: NO classes on Monday, Thursday and Saturday
- Bible Study : 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 Pik 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 Class 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.

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 Philipians 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 Mission Trip Team

Please pray for the Mongolia (July 19 - Aug 3) mission team in the coming two weeks. Pray for protection and good health for the team members and also the activity time they spend with the kids.

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@tinyplaces.com.

New Member Class Covenant

For those who attended the new member class 5 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.

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 - 24 months)	Navy
Nursery (24 - 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



This group is on summer break.



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 \$28m	YTD Budget \$24.8m	YTD Giving \$23m	YTD Variance -\$1.8m
		Avg Weekly Budget \$540,000	Last Week's Giving \$582,593	Weekly Variance \$42,593

- 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 to Play the Game of Life?

July 20, 2008 9.30am, 11.30am & 5pm
633 King's Road, First and Second Floor



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How to Play the Game of Life?

Ecclesiastes 1:2

"Meaningless! Meaningless!" says the Teacher. "Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless."

Ecclesiastes 3:11

He has also set eternity in the hearts of men...

Ecclesiastes 9:3

The hearts of men, moreover, are full of evil and there is madness in their hearts while they live, and afterward they join the dead.

LIE #1: You win the game of life through

1. _____

2. _____

Solomon's answer to LIE #1

Ecclesiastes 2:10-11

¹⁰ I denied myself nothing my eyes desired; I refused my heart no pleasure. My heart took delight in all my work, and this was the reward for all my labor.

¹¹ Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind; nothing was gained under the sun.

LIE #2: You win the game of life through

1. _____

2. _____

Solomon's answer to LIE #2

Ecclesiastes 2:4-7

⁴ I undertook great projects: I built houses for myself and planted vineyards.

⁵ I made gardens and parks and planted all kinds of fruit trees in them.

⁶ I made reservoirs to water groves of flourishing trees.

⁷ I bought male and female slaves and had other slaves who were born in my house. I also owned more herds and flocks than anyone in Jerusalem before me.

Ecclesiastes 4:4

And I saw that all labor and all achievement spring from man's envy of his neighbor. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

Ecclesiastes 2:17-23

¹⁷ So I hated life, because the work that is done under the sun was grievous to me. All of it is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

¹⁸ I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me.

¹⁹ And who knows whether he will be a wise man or a fool? Yet he will have control over all the work into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless.

²⁰ So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor under the sun.

²¹ For a man may do his work with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then he must leave all he owns to someone who has not worked for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune.

²² What does a man get for all the toil and anxious striving with which he labors under the sun?

²³ All his days his work is pain and grief; even at night his mind does not rest. This too is meaningless.

How to Play the Game of Life?

LIE #3: You win the game of life through

1. _____

2. _____

Solomon's answer to LIE #3

Ecclesiastes 5:10-11

¹⁰ Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is meaningless.

¹¹ As goods increase, so do those who consume them. And what benefit are they to the owner except to feast his eyes on them?

Ecclesiastes 5:13

I have seen a grievous evil under the sun: wealth hoarded to the harm of its owner,

Ecclesiastes 3:17

¹⁷ I thought in my heart, "God will bring to judgment both the righteous and the wicked, for there will be a time for every activity, a time for every deed."

In Conclusion

Ecclesiastes 12:1

Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them"

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

¹³ Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.

¹⁴ For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.