April 29 2018 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 3 pm, 5 pm 633 King's Road, 1/F, 2/F, 10/F

## Frog: The Ugliness of Rebellion

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Go in to Pharaoh and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord, "Let my people go, that they may serve me.<sup>2</sup> But if you refuse to let them go, behold, I will plague all your country with frogs." Exodus 8:1-2

So Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh, and Moses cried to the Lord about the frogs, as he had agreed with Pharaoh. <sup>13</sup> And the Lord did according to the word of Moses. The frogs died out in the houses, the courtyards, and the fields. <sup>14</sup> And they gathered them together in heaps, and the land stank. <sup>15</sup> But when Pharaoh saw that there was a respite, he hardened his heart and would not listen to them, as the Lord had said. Exodus 8:12-15

The Ugliness of Rebellion:

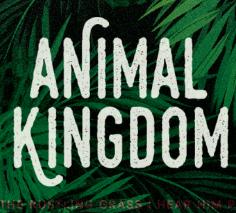
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# Frog The ugliness of rebellion

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Tell Aaron, 'Stretch out your hand with your staff over the streams and canals and ponds, and make frogs come up on the land of Egypt."

Exodus 8:5

*My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline, and do not resent His rebuke, because the Lord disciplines those He loves, as a father the son he delights in.* 

Proverbs 3:11-12

1/ How has your experience with human authority (parents, teachers, bosses, etc.) affected your understanding of God's authority in your life? Share positive and negative examples.

2/ Read Hebrews 12:5-13. How do the last words of v.13 reveal the goal of discipline? How is that different from the goal of punishment?

3/ We may know what discipline looks like from a parent, but what do you think discipline looks like from God? What are ways you can recognise and embrace discipline from God?

Are you new here? Come to our Newcomers Lunch For details, please refer to the bulletin.

#### Let's get to know each other!

Name Email Phone

## HIGHLIGHTS

### MAY 4–5 men's conference: the fight

What do men fight for? How do men overcome? These are questions every man faces at one point in their lives. Join the Men's Conference to experience God's grace as a man. 4 - 5 May, Friday, 7 - 9:30 pm; Saturday, 9:30 am - 5 pm on 1/F. Register at islandecc.hk/ mensconference or sign up at the Connect Counter.

## MAY 6 GUEST SPEAKER: TIERCE GREEN ON "MEN, WOMEN AND RELATIONSHIPS"

Join Tierce Green, international guest speaker for The Fight Conference, in a bonus session for both men and women on how men think and why they are often misunderstood. 1:30 - 3 pm, 10/F Auditorium. Free registration at the Connect Counter.

### MAY 6 newcomers lunch

If you're new to the church and want to know more about Island ECC, please join us for Newcomers Lunch on Sunday, 6 May, 1:30 pm in 10/F Living Room. Sign up with the bulletin inserts!

# MAR 13 "WELCOME HOME" VOLUNTEER

Because we love, we serve! Come join us to find more about how you can serve! May 13, 1:30 – 2:30 pm, 10/F Auditorium. Sign up at all connect counters. For more information, email serve@islandecc.hk

#### MAY 19 orange tour hong kong

Join us for a one-day event with family experts Reggie Joiner and Kristen Ivy. This tour aligns parents and the church, the two great influences in a child's life, in a powerful partnership. Saturday, 19 May, 9:30 am – 5 pm with bonus Friday night PHASEs talk, 7:30 – 9 pm. For more information and tickets, visit orangetour.hk.

## JUN 29-JUL 4 island youth summer camp

Join Island Youth on 29 June - 4 July for our annual summer camp! This year, we are travelling to picturesque Guilin and staying at the all-inclusive Club Med Resort. During camp there will be worship, Bible study, teaching, small groups, games, food, beaches and more! For more information, go to islandecc.hk/iysummercamp.

## CLASSES

To register and for more information on the following classes, go to islandecc.hk/classes

### MAY 20 habits of grace

This 4-week class provides a theological and Scriptural foundation for growing Christians to practically apply basic spiritual disciplines. It focuses on attitudes and disciplines that assist in having an active, maturing relationship with Christ. Starts Sunday, 20 May, 9:30 am, 10/F Classroom.

## MAY 27 THE BOOK OF EXODUS

Exodus is not only a book of the Bible, but a major – if not *the* major – theme across Scripture. It has been said that if you want to understand Scripture, start with the Exodus. This 5-week class by Pastor Eric Farmer will trace God's acts of salvation for Israel from Egypt. Starts Sunday, 27 May, 3 pm, 11/F Classroom.

### $MAY\ 27$ god's fingerprints in our lives

Did you know that God is actively at work in your life? Join Jonathan Lo in this 5-week class to see God's fingerprints more prominently, appreciate with a greater sense of clarity His shaping and forming, and to draw principles from key leadership concepts by Dr. J. Robert Clinton of Fuller Theological Seminary. Starts Sunday, 27 May, 11:30 am, 7/F Classroom.

#### MAY 31 grief support group

Have you lost a spouse, family member or friend? Are you grieving or don't even know where to start? This 6-week support group, led by caring professionals, is a safe place to share and learn from each other about the journey of grief. Starts Thursday, 31 May, 7:30 – 9:30pm, 10/F Living Room.

### OUTREACH

# TODAY MEN'S VIETNAM MISSION TRIP

The Men's Vietnam Mission Team were so grateful to witness God's guidance and providence at the most remote and poverty stricken place in Vietnam. Join us at our Sharing Session to know more about how God's blessings have been changing lives in Vietnam since 2012, and how you can be part of this wonderful journey. Today, 29 April, 1:30 – 3 pm, 10/F Classroom.

#### MAY 12 ideal mother's day walkathon

Ready for a little hike? Hope of the City is recruiting 7 volunteers to prepare for the Mother's Day Walkathon held by the Intellectually Disabled Education and Advocacy League. Saturday, 12 May, 10 am – 1 pm at the Peak. For more information, please email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com.

#### JUL 28-AUG 4 TAIWAN MISSION TRIP Registration Deadline: 1 May

Taiwanese aborigines are often characterised by their lack of resources and opportunities. In the past 5 years, we see God uniting various churches in Taitung to empower the Christian community on the east coast. Apply at islandecc.hk/outreach/global or for more information, email go@islandecc.hk.

### **OPPORTUNITIES**

If you are interested in the opportunities below, send your CV and a cover letter to hr@islandecc.hk. Go to islandecc.hk/about-us/ employment-opportunities for more information.

#### FULL-TIME COORDINATOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We are looking for a full-time staff for our Children's Ministry. If you have a heart for children and can relate well with parents, have relevant experience, enjoy organising, and can put in care and detailed preparation for our weekly Sunday Kids Club and special events, we would love to hear from you.

#### GIVING TO ISLAND ECC

We encourage those who consider Island ECC their church home to prayerfully give a percentage of their income to the church on a regular basis.

Cheques payable: 'Island ECC Ltd' for HK tax receipts or 'Friends of Hong Kong Charities Inc' for US tax receipts.

#### Enquiries: giving@islandecc.hk

GENERAL OFFERING		
YEAR TO DATE (34 WEEKS)	Budget	\$49.6M
	Giving	\$55.6M
	Variance	\$6.0M (12.1%)

#### LAST 4 WEEKS UPDATE Thousands HKD

WEEKLY	2 Apr	9 Apr	16 Apr	23 Apr
Budget	1,458	1,458	1,458	1,458
Giving	828	982	747	711
Variance	(630)	(476)	(711)	(747)