

Message

Title: Vision Sunday

Speaker: Pastor Dom O'Connell

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“Ownership isn't just about buildings—it's about owning our mission in God's Kingdom.”

Introduction

This week, take a step towards ownership by inviting someone new into your church community.

What would it take for you to truly own the mission of your church?

On Vision Sunday, Pastor Dom encouraged Assemble Church to reflect on where we've been, where we are now, and where we're going. Celebrating God's faithfulness through growth, generosity, and experimentation, we looked at the real numbers that tell the story of a vibrant, mission-focused church family.

The word for 2026 is 'Ownership'—not just of a physical building, but of the Great Commission and our shared purpose. With focuses on building an invitational culture, strengthening pastoral care, and fostering genuine partnership, we're called to deeper engagement and greater responsibility. This is a year to move from “a church I attend” to “my church.”

Scripture

Exodus 6:6-7 — Therefore, say to the Israelites: ‘I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians.’



Psalms 127:3 — Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him.

Philippians 1:3-5 — I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

Matthew 28:19-20 — Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Don't Miss This

- Ownership is Spiritual: Stepping into ownership isn't just about property—it's about embracing your God-given role in the church mission.
- Vision Stays, Strategy Shifts: God's vision for His people remains constant, but how we live it out can change with seasons and opportunities.
- Three Focuses for 2026: This year we're building an invitational culture, strengthening pastoral care, and launching church partnership.

Let's Chat

1. What does 'ownership' of the church mission mean to you personally?
2. In what ways could you contribute more actively to church life this year?
3. Which of the three focuses—invitation, pastoral care, or partnership—resonates most with you and why?
4. What holds you back from inviting others into church community?
5. How can your group support one another in growing spiritual ownership this year?

