

Connect Group notes 28 April 2026

The theology of space and place

'Gateway builds a home'

Don said 'home' is one of the richest and emotive words in almost any language.

Modern Western culture has largely traded the idea of home and place for a restless 'on the road' mindset. The sermon invites us to recover a biblical vision of home — where identity, belonging, responsibility, and transformation are formed.

He talked about how place, commitment and home shape our faith, community and discipleship.

We want to be intentional about this as we transition to our new home at 490 Grey Street.

Questions to discuss..

- When you hear the word 'home' what emotion comes to mind first?

- How have certain physical spaces shaped our faith journeys, and how have these helped form our identity and belonging, and helped us to see God's faithfulness across generations?

- Don said "*To be attached to a place/home is to be surrendered to it and suffer with it*". What do you think this means in real life?

- Why is it important for the community around us to see a building? How is this more than just the aesthetic/physical presence?

- How can we as individuals and smaller groups of people contribute to making 490 our new home?

- How might we pray about this as we enter this season?

PRAY

- Pray for the courage to commit to people, place and our calling.
- Ask that God would fill 490 with his *manifest* presence, and that our new building would be a home for all.