



**The Purposes**

- 1. To Grow Spiritually
- Weekly Family Devotions
- Read through the New Testament together
- Challenge people to grow in the maturity of giving. *"...see that you also excel in this grace of giving."* 2 Corinthians 8:7
- We are going to worship God together

**Owning Our Home**

- Everything we do has a Biblical basis
- You will receive information every week
- Your Questions Answered
- We are building on what God is already doing.
- We have already received over \$28,000 toward Owning Our Home!

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- The need for a functional building
- The possibilities of expanding ministries
- Good Stewardship – we currently pay \$30,294 per annum to lease this building.

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- The difference between fundraising and giving.
- We will not pressure anyone to give.
- If you feel pressured – DO NOT GIVE!

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- We will show how everyone can give something
- We will ask people to sacrifice
- If you are hurting right now, this is not for you.



### Owning Our Home


Gods way to own a House of Worship

- 1 Chronicles 29:1-22
- The leader set the example in giving.
- Next, the leader of each family gave sacrificially
- They held a service of praise & thanksgiving
- They celebrated the offering with a banquet




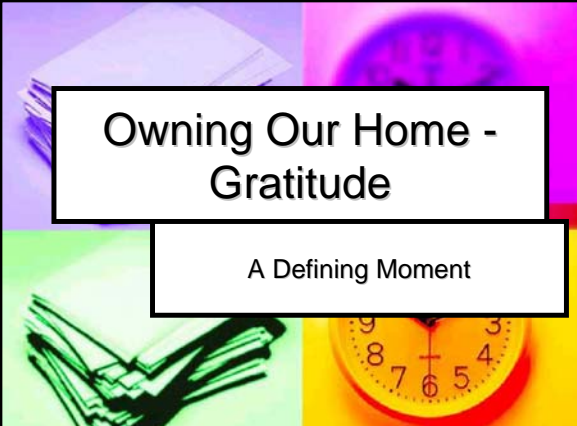
### Owning Our Home

- What can you expect?
- You can expect to see some miracles
- You can expect to grow spiritually
- You can expect to be hassled by Satan
- You can expect to experience joy




### Owning Our Home

- We have an opportunity to take part in something of eternal value
- Long after we are gone there will be a witness for God in our Community
- We will be a people that reaches others for Christ. No matter what. Nothing else is worth living for.

## Owning Our Home - Gratitude


### A Defining Moment



### Owning Our Home - Gratitude


- I Give Thanks To God...
- By Singing to Him

*"Sing out your thanks to Him; sing praises to our God..." Ps 147:7*




**Owning Our Home - Gratitude**

- *“Shout to the Lord. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come before Him, singing with joy. Acknowledge that the Lord is God! He made us, and we are His...Enter His gates with thanksgiving; go into His courts with praise. Give thanks to him and bless his name...for the Lord is good! His unfailing love continues forever...! Psalm 100*



**Owning Our Home - Gratitude**

- **By Praying To Him**  
*“Give thanks to the Lord and pray to Him” Psalm 105:1*
- *“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done. If you do this, you will experience God’s peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.” Phil 4:6-7*




**Owning Our Home - Gratitude**

- **By Sharing My Testimony About Him**
- *“Thank the Lord! Praise His name! Tell the world about His wondrous love and how mighty He is!” Isa 12:4*




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- *“Be very careful to never forget what you’ve seen God doing for you. May His miracles have a deep and permanent effect upon your lives! Tell your children and your grandchildren about the glorious miracles He did.” Deut. 4:9*




**Owning Our Home - Gratitude**

- **By Giving To Him**
- *“Give an offering to show thanks to God. Give Him what you promised.” Psalm 50:14*
- *“...your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.” 2Cor 9:11*




**Owning Our Home - Gratitude**

- **Three thousand years ago an entire nation did what we are doing this morning.**
- **After the offering David prayed a prayer that I’m sure expresses the hearts of many of us today.**




### Owning Our Home - Gratitude

*"Now our God, we thank You. These things did not really come from me and my people. Everything comes from You. We have only given You back what You gave us. Lord, we have gathered all this to build your Temple. But everything has come from you and everything belongs to You. You test peoples hearts and You are happy when people do what is right. I am happy to give all these things, and I gave you an honest heart. And Your people gathered here are happy to give to You too, and we rejoice to see their giving." 1 Chronicles 29*



### Owning Our Home - Gratitude

- *"And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so they can have a Home of Their Own..." 2 Sam 7:10*




## Owning Our Home - Missions

### A Defining Moment



### Owning Our Home - Missions

- Our God is a Missionary God
- He Had One Son And He Made Him A Missionary.
- Every church on the planet should have a major focus on global outreach



### Owning Our Home - Missions

- *"Then Jesus said to them. All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing 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. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age." Mt 28:18*




**Owning Our Home - Missions**

- “Therefore Go” – means to cross boundaries
- “Nations” – means every ethnic group. (ethnos)
- There are around 12,000 people groups. 2000 remain unreached with the gospel.



**Owning Our Home - Missions**

- Our Focus – Sri Lanka
- *“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress...”*  
James 1:27




**Owning Our Home - Missions**

- The Persecuted Church
- *“Everyone who wants to live a Godly life will be persecuted.”*  
2 Tim 3:12
- “Open Doors” and “Voice of the Martyrs.”




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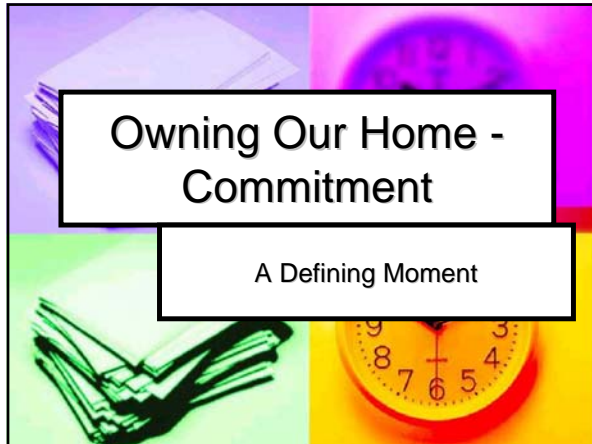
- God blesses churches that share His heartbeat for the nations.
- We need to secure a Home Base from which to operate. To send supplies and resources. To take back enemy territory.



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**Owning Our Home –  
Commitment**

- People today are often reluctant to make a long term commitment.
- The Bible teaches nothing affects your life more than the commitments you choose to make.



**Owning Our Home –  
Commitment**

- The Profound affects of commitment:-
- They show what I really think is important.
- They shape my life. I become whatever I am committed to.
- They determine my destiny.



**Owning Our Home -  
Commitment**

- Jesus said, *“What will a man give in exchange for his soul?”*
- Wise people use their time wisely.
- Every choice has a consequence.
- There is a cost to following Christ.




**Owning Our Home –  
Commitment**

- *“If you want to be My followers you must love Me more than your own father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, more than your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple.”*
- Jesus is very clear about the cost of commitment of following him.




**Owning Our Home -  
Commitment**

- How do we put God first in our lives?
- *Give God our First Thoughts of the Day. “Each morning I will look to You in heaven and lay my requests before You.”*  
Psalm 5:3




**Owning Our Home - Commitment**

- Give Him the First Day of Every Week. *"On the first day of the week, the disciples came together."* Acts 20:7
- Give Him the First Ten Percent of Your Earnings. *'Honour the Lord by giving Him the first part of all your income.'*




**Owning Our Home - Commitment**

- Give Him the First Consideration in Every Decision.
- *"In everything you do, put God first and He will direct you and crown your efforts with success."* Proverbs 3:5-6




**Owning Our Home - Commitment**

- Some people fail in their commitments – Why?
- We Get Distracted. *"The attractions of this world, the delights of wealth, the search for success and the lure of nice things come in and crowd out God."* Mark 4:19




**Owning Our Home - Commitment**

- We Become Complacent. (Joshua Chapter 7)
- It robs us from Gods blessing.




**Owning Our Home – Commitment**

- The Benefits of Commitment to Christ.
- *"The master will say, 'Well done good and faithful servant! You've been faithful with few things. I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your Masters happiness.'"*
- *Affirmation, Promotion and Celebration.*



**Owning Our Home - Commitment**

- *"The World has yet to see what God can do in and through and for the person who is totally committed to Christ."* Henry Varyl.
- How do we make our Commitment to Owning Our Home?



Owning Our Home -  
Commitment

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