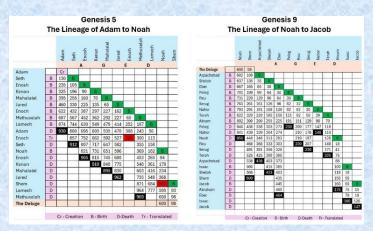


**D**uring the last LifeConnect Church elders meeting, attended on this occasion also by our wives, we unanimously acknowledged that our church has transitioned from a church plant to a small but steadily growing community. There is a deepening relationship with God and with one another, reflected in increased commitment, unity, and transformed lives. We are indeed moving slowly but surely along the path of healthy growth. To God be the glory!

## Preaching through the Bible, starting from Genesis



When we chose 'Grow' as this year's church theme, God responded by leading us to preach and read through the entire Bible, beginning with Genesis (be careful what you wish for  $\mathfrak{S}$ ). There's a wealth of insight to uncover in just the first three chapters.

Together we have come to see that Genesis lays the foundation for all Judeo-Christian doctrine, with Jesus and apostles like Paul, John, and Matthew referring to it when teaching key theological principles. Our perspective on this first book has forever changed.

## Father's Day



he fathers in our church received a special treat from the kids and teens. The children made heartfelt greeting cards, while the



ConnecTNZ group created custom-designed wristbands with noble attributes describing the dads. This has quickly become my favourite accessory to wear daily.

## Dave and Ivy's Wedding

t was an honour to officiate Dave and Ivy's wedding on September 30th at Mt Vernon Lodge. The day was blessed with beautiful sunny weather, and the backdrop of Akaroa Bay made it even more stunning. However, the true stars of the day were Dave and Ivy. They exchanged vows before God, surrounded by



family and friends who travelled from near and far. It's been a privilege to walk with this couple through their pre-wedding counselling journey.