

We believe that God is calling us to build small groups focussed around Word and Spirit with an emphasis on discipleship.

Discipleship begins even before conversion and carries on throughout our lives.

### **The following verses illuminate God's heart for discipleship:**

- don't give up meeting together (Hebrews 10:24-25)
- study to show yourselves approved to God (2 Timothy 2:15, Acts 17:11)
- 'one anothering' (John 13:34-35 etc.)
- spiritual gifts (Romans 12:6-8, 1 Corinthians 12:8-10, 1 Corinthians 12:28-30, Ephesians 4:11, 1 Peter 4:11)
- training up our children (Proverbs 22:6)
- go make disciples (Matthew 28:19-20)
- they devoted themselves to the apostles teaching, breaking of bread, prayer, fellowship, everything in common (Acts 2:42-47)

### **In Matthew 22:34-40 Jesus gives our lives focus and direction.**

- Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.
- Love your neighbour as yourself.

### **We believe that our love for God is expressed through:**

- Knowing Him (John 4:7-8)
- Obeying his commands (John 14:15)
- Loving our brothers and sisters (1 John 4:20)
- Having a Kingdom focus and not being distracted by the world (1 John 2:15; Matthew 6:24)

We believe that this is best expressed in building small groups based on living out together this abundant life He has promised (John 10:10).

Jesus commands us to go and make disciples. A disciple of Jesus is someone who learns from Him to live like Him by the power of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:25).

### **Therefore, our small groups will be built around making disciples of Jesus through:**

#### LOVING GOD

- Prayer
- Study of the Word
- Worship

#### LOVING OTHERS

- Fellowship/Mateship - living out the 'one-anothers'.
- Evangelism – seeing people saved & added (John 13:35).
- Body ministry through gifts of the Spirit.  
Care for & empowering of the vulnerable in our community