

## MIRROR ALLIANCE CHURCH DISCIPLESHIP PLAN

*Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."<sup>38</sup> This is the great and first commandment.<sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.<sup>40</sup> On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets." (Matthew 22:37-40)*

We the elders of Mirror Alliance Church wish to see our congregation mature in Christ in two major areas: loving God, and loving our neighbor. Our discipleship plan is therefore simple and flexible. Flexibility is very important in our rural church context because we have many people who live far away from the church and who have irregular working hours.

We recognize that simply running programs, whether it be Bible studies, youth groups, prayer meetings, or any other special event does not guarantee that discipleship or mentoring will actually take place. Rather, these events are places for men and women to connect and trust each other and learn more about our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Our goal is to connect Christians who are young in their faith with those who are more mature. Our plan moving forward is to begin with a small group of key people (mature believers) within our congregation to study the Bible and to pray. Eventually we want to see this number of trained people grow and multiply so that they are able to minister and lead others in the same fashion. We want to model to our congregation how to share their faith through outreach and evangelism. Currently there is a Bible study with this very focus active in our church.

Ultimately we trust not in our own schemes, but in Jesus' prayer to his heavenly Father to sanctify his children by the Word of Truth and through the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives.