

Update for Calvary Chapel Freiburg concerning the Prohibition on Meetings issued by the City of Freiburg on account of the Coronavirus

⁷For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. (2. Tim. 1.7, NIV)

Dear Calvary Chapel Freiburg,

It is with this assurance in the power of God that we are able to face all of life's challenges. And so it is that we want to face the current challenge of the spread of the Coronavirus with self-discipline, sober-mindedness and with love – love for each other, for our city and for our country.

For this reason, as a church we seek to support the public health and governing civic, state and national authorities in their measures to combat and hinder the spread of the Coronavirus, in order to prevent the overloading of the public health system.

In accordance with the general decree of the City of Freiburg issued today, which prohibits events and meetings of more than 50 people from now until April 20, we will be taking the following measures:

- **Effective immediately, and for the time being, all Calvary Chapel events are suspended. This suspension is expected to last until April 20. The suspension therefore affects: all worship services, youth ministry (incl. EchtZeit and RoyalRangers), all leaders', team and members' meetings, all public events, in addition to the Heimathafen Café.**
- Worship and fellowship during this period can only take place in small groups and home fellowships. We want to encourage you to be intentional in your small groups in worshipping our God, hearing his Word and praying together.

We will be making short sermons and messages available online for your times of fellowship together. We are continuing to plan how we can support small groups and home fellowships further, and how we can integrate people into home fellowships, who do not yet belong to such a fellowship.

We encourage you again to devote yourself to prayer, being watchful and thankful, as Paul exhorts us in Colossians 4.2. Let us pray for the governing authorities both in our city and beyond, let us pray for our sister region of Alsace beyond the Rhine, which is particularly affected, and also for our fellow Christians who have been struck by illness. And let these exceptional circumstances act as a catalyst for our confident trust in God and response to him in prayer. Let us not just pray for the Coronavirus, but let us pray for all the needs of our church, our city, our region and our world, let us pray that the Lord Jesus uses this virus outbreak to draw many to himself, to "teach many to number their days, that they may gain a heart of wisdom." (Ps. 90.12). Let us pray that "God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ." (Col. 4.3).

We will continue to monitor the situation. Please look out for updates and announcements on our website and via social media.

United with you in Christ,

The CCF Church Leadership