



## **Introduction**

Deeper Life believes that the God of the Bible is at work to bring healing and transformation to a broken world. Jesus has set us free to enjoy a life with Him that grows ever deeper, and we have been called to invite others on this same journey.

## **Deeper Life Prayer and Worship**

When we pray to and worship Him, we are accomplishing a means unto itself—God is simply worthy of humanity’s adoration. Because it’s our sincere desire to honor Him, we commit ourselves to the pursuit of prayer and worship. (Rev. 5:12; 1 Chronicles 16:25; Psalm 96:4; Rev. 4:11)

Deeper Life also believes that through prayer and worship God is moved to *action*. There is a distinct expectation that when prayer and worship is offered up to the Living God, He moves against the forces of darkness that blind or hinder people from coming closer to Jesus. Worship and prayer to God causes the spiritual atmosphere to change allowing people to see and hear God more clearly—and ultimately receive Him and His blessings. (2 Chronicles 20:15-22; 2 Chronicles 7:14; Isaiah 42:10-13)

## **SBC Camping Ministry**

Camping ministry is a unique and powerful environment where people of all ages can be introduced to Jesus and His transforming love. This has been the desire of SBC for over 80 years and continues today under the umbrella of Deeper Life Ministries. Under the guidance of God, a renewed vision incorporating both the foundational and fruitful ministry of the camp along with the new and invigorating ministry of prayer and worship has been established. This has led to an increased sense of mission and purpose as we believe for a great move of God’s Spirit. We passionately follow Jesus because we know that new life and hope in Him has changed our lives forever and we want as many as possible to experience this blessing in their lives as well. (Titus 3:4-7)

## **Transformation Through Encounter**

Every ministry expression of Deeper Life has at its heart a desire to see people experience transformation through an encounter with Jesus through the Holy Spirit. Whether it's a prayer/worship or camping event, our desire is the same: that people would encounter the manifest love of Jesus.

## **How Our New Vision Started**

In December of 2016 the Lord showed us the road map for our new future. A powerful vision was given that showed us that prayer and worship were to be driving elements of ministry through which God would pour out His transforming power. Along with this was a clear leading that this was to be established at the location of Strasbourg Bible Camp. The boards of both Deeper Life Ministry and Strasbourg Bible Camp agreed that this, along with the existing SBC camping ministry, was the new direction we were to take.

A merger took place and we are taking steps to establish this new heart for ministry that incorporates the new ministry vision.

## **Purpose**

Deeper Life seeks first and foremost to honor God. We exist to worship Him and we take that very seriously. We believe that as we do this, it aligns with the heart of the Father and He pours out His blessing. This blessing takes many forms including the drawing of people to salvation through Jesus Christ. We also believe that this blessing takes the form of drawing people into much deeper relationship with Jesus as they encounter Him.

We don't know the ultimate extent of influence and impact that Deeper Life will have, but we do know that His desire to reach into people's lives knows no bounds, and we will follow Him, through every aspect of ministry He gives us, to see His will done.

We have been given prayer, worship and camping ministry as our focus, and here is where we will put our hands to work. There may be other ministry endeavours for us in the future, but we know that everything we do will be done with a desire to see people transformed as they encounter Jesus.