

Digging Deeper

Thoughtful Questions for This Week's Message by Pastor Scott

Welcome to *Digging Deeper*!

We've launched this weekly blog series designed to help you engage more deeply with Sunday's message. Whether you're new to church or have been following Jesus for decades, these discussion questions are meant to help you reflect, apply, and talk through the truths we explore together each week. You can use them on your own, with your family, or in a group setting.

Let's dig into this week's message from Pastor Scott:

How You Shine Brightly

[Esther 4:12-16](#)

This week's message took us into the story of Esther, an ordinary woman placed in an extraordinary position. Her courage, faith, and willingness to step into danger for the sake of her people show us what it means to shine brightly for God in dark and challenging times.

We hope these questions will help you reflect on what it looks like to sense the urgency of the day, overcome the weight of the past, and step up when God calls you to act.

Reflecting on the Passage

- Read [Esther 4:12-16](#). What stands out to you about Esther's response to Mordecai's challenge?
- How does Esther's past ([Esther 2:7](#)) make her courage in chapters 4-5 even more remarkable?
- In [Esther 3:5-6](#), the threat against the Jewish people was real and urgent. How does this passage speak to the importance of acting when God prompts us?

Personal Application

- Is there a place in your life where fear is keeping you from stepping into what God is asking you to do?
- When have you experienced God using a difficult part of your past to prepare you for something important in the present?

Exploring Faith

- Martin Luther King Jr. said, “The ultimate tragedy is not the oppression and cruelty by the bad people but the silence over that by the good people.”
How does this challenge your view of when to speak up?
- Mother Teresa said, “I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.”
What “stone” could you throw this week that might create ripples for God’s kingdom?

Community Impact

- How might God be calling you to use your influence—big or small—to stand up for someone who needs an advocate?
- If we truly believed we were placed here “for such a time as this,” how would it change the way we engage with our community?

Closing Thoughts

Esther’s story reminds us that shining brightly for God often means stepping into uncomfortable, risky, or even dangerous places for the sake of others. It’s about sensing the urgency of the moment, trusting God with the outcome, and choosing courage over comfort.

How will you shine this week?

We hope these questions lead you into deeper conversations with God and with others. Join us again next week for more ways to dig deeper into God’s Word and grow in faith together.

Grace and peace,

The Belle Isle Community Church Team