

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:

Living the Rewarded Life

[1 Chronicles 12:32](#)

This week's message focused on the tribe of Issachar, a group remembered not for their size or strength, but for their discernment and timing. In a culture driven by noise, distraction, and hurry, their example challenges us to live with spiritual awareness, obedience, and a focus on the eternal rewards God promises to those who walk faithfully.

Living a rewarded life isn't about applause or comfort; it's about walking in rhythm with God's will and responding to what He's doing around us. Let's reflect together.

Reflecting on the Passage

- Issachar understood the times and knew what to do ([1 Chronicles 12:32](#)). What does that kind of awareness look like in today's world?
- Read [Psalm 23](#). How do the different seasons mentioned in this psalm (green pastures, quiet waters, darkest valley, table before enemies) reflect the ups and downs of your spiritual journey?
- [Hebrews 11:6](#) says God "rewards those who earnestly seek Him." What do you think it means to "earnestly seek" God in your daily life?

Personal Application

- Which "trap" from the message (fear, insecurity, failure, procrastination, avoidance, complacency, or doubt) do you most relate to? How is it keeping you from moving forward in faith?

- Where do you sense God asking you to stop listening to fear and start walking in obedience? What's one small step you can take this week?

Exploring Faith

- Pastor Scott quoted Eraldo Banovac: "Observing is the basis of wisdom." What's the difference between simply gaining knowledge and growing in wisdom? How can you become more observant in your walk with God?
- Marilyn vos Savant said, "To acquire wisdom, one must observe." How can slowing down to observe what God is doing help you grow spiritually—especially in challenging seasons?

Community Impact

- How might God be calling you to use your spiritual awareness to help others "know what to do" in a confusing or difficult time?
- What would it look like for us, as a church, to be known as people who listen for God's voice and act with courage and clarity?

Closing Thoughts

The tribe of Issachar didn't lead with power; they led with perception. They paid attention, listened for God's voice, and took faithful action. That's the kind of life God rewards, not because of perfection, but because of obedience.

This week, let's not rush past what God might be saying. Let's be a people who observe, listen, and respond.

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