

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:

The Question You Can't Outrun:

What Have You Done?

Genesis 4:9-16

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Introduction

This week's message, "What Have You Done?" from [Genesis 4:9-16](#), brings us face-to-face with a question we often try to avoid. God's question to Cain isn't just about exposing wrongdoing; it's an invitation to step out of hiding, take responsibility, and move forward under His grace. We explored the idea of self-government: learning to live under God's authority from the inside out. As you reflect this week, these questions are meant to help you process honestly, grow spiritually, and walk more intentionally with Christ.

Reflecting on the Passage

- In [Genesis 4:9-10](#), why do you think God asks Cain, "Where is your brother?" and "What have you done?" What do these questions reveal about God's character?
- How does Cain's response ("Am I my brother's keeper?") reflect a lack of responsibility or accountability? Where do you see similar attitudes today?
- What stands out to you about God's judgment and His mercy in [Genesis 4:11-15](#)? How do both justice and grace appear in this passage?
- How does Cain's separation from God's presence ([v.16](#)) help you understand the seriousness of sin?

Personal Application

- Are there areas in your life where you've been "hiding" instead of facing what you've done? What would it look like to bring those into the light?
- When you make mistakes, are you more likely to take responsibility or shift blame? Why do you think that is?

Exploring Faith

- Reflect on this statement: *"The first step to forgiveness is taking full responsibility..."* (Lewis Smedes). Why is responsibility so essential to experiencing God's forgiveness?
- C. S. Lewis reminds us that we can't rewrite the past, but we can start a new ending. How does this truth encourage you if you feel stuck in past mistakes?

Community Impact

- How might God be calling you to take responsibility not just for your own actions, but also to care for others ("your brother")?
- Who in your life might need encouragement to stop hiding and step into God's grace, and how can you walk with them?

Closing Thoughts

God's question, "What have you done?" isn't meant to trap us; it's meant to transform us. He invites us to stop hiding, own our choices, and receive His grace. Like Cain, we may face consequences, but we are never beyond God's reach.

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