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:

What We Need to Know About Satan

Matthew 4:1-11

Pastor Scott George October 12, 2025

Jesus faced temptation in the wilderness and defeated the enemy using God's Word. Pastor Scott reminded us that Satan is real, deceptive, and determined to destroy, but he is not unstoppable. Scripture reveals his tactics so that we can recognize his lies and stand firm in the truth. Understanding how Satan works helps us rely more fully on Jesus, who has already overcome him.

Reflecting on the Passage

- Why do you think the Holy Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted (Matthew 4:1)?
- What do Jesus' responses to each temptation teach us about the power of Scripture in spiritual battles?
- What does this passage reveal about Satan's strategy and persistence when tempting believers?

Personal Application

- In what areas of your life do you feel most vulnerable to Satan's lies or distractions?
- How can you better use God's Word as a defense against temptation?
- What steps can you take this week to strengthen your resistance to the enemy's influence?

Exploring Faith

- C.S. Lewis said, "Every square inch of the universe is claimed by God and counterclaimed by Satan." How does that shape your view of spiritual warfare?
- Charles Baudelaire wrote, "The greatest trick the devil ever pulled was convincing the world he didn't exist." Why do you think Satan benefits when people ignore his reality?
- Billy Graham said, "I believe Satan is alive and working harder than ever." How does this truth call us to greater vigilance and faithfulness?

Community Impact

- How might God be calling us as a church to stand firm against spiritual deception and division?
- What would it look like for our community to actively pray for protection and discernment?
- How might our faith witness grow stronger when we face the enemy's attacks together in unity?

Closing Thoughts

The battle is real, but so is our victory in Christ. Satan is a liar, an accuser, and a deceiver, yet Jesus has already defeated him through the cross. When we know the enemy's tactics, stand on God's Word, and walk in the Spirit's power, we can live free from fear and full of faith.

Remember this week: the same Spirit that strengthened Jesus in the wilderness lives in you.

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