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:

How to Live a Beautiful Life in Troubled Times

Luke 7:11-17

Pastor Scott George November 2, 2025

In <u>Luke 7</u>, Jesus entered the small town of Nain and met a grieving widow on her way to bury her only son. What happened next is a picture of compassion, power, and divine beauty in the midst of pain. Pastor Scott reminds us that even in the hardest seasons, we can live beautifully when we remember who God is and how He meets us in our need.

Reflecting on the Passage

- What does Jesus' compassion toward the widow at Nain teach us about His heart for those who are hurting? (<u>Luke 7:11-13</u>)
- Why do you think the people were "filled with awe" after witnessing the miracle?
 (Luke 7:16)
- What does this story reveal about Jesus' authority over life and death?
- How might this show us that God still meets people in their deepest sorrow today?

Personal Application

- When has God noticed you in a time of pain or discouragement?
- How can you learn to trust God even when you can't see the outcome?
- What helps you "be still" and allow God to work in your life rather than rushing ahead?
- In what ways does worship keep your heart focused on God's presence and goodness?

Exploring Faith

- "To trust God in the light is nothing, but to trust Him in the dark, that is faith."
 - C.H. Spurgeon
 - What does this quote mean to you personally?
- "God sees us as we are... but by His grace, He does not leave us as we are."
 - Timothy Keller
 - How have you experienced this truth in your life?
- "Worship changes the worshiper into the image of the One worshiped."
 - Jack Hayford
 - How does authentic worship shape who you are becoming?

Community Impact

- How might God be calling you to notice someone who's hurting this week?
- What would it look like for us as a church to bring hope and beauty into "troubled times"?
- How can we create moments of stillness and compassion in a fast-paced world?
- How might your story of faith bring encouragement to others walking through grief or hardship?

Even in our most difficult days, God is near. He notices us, comforts us, and calls us to trust Him. When we pause to worship, stay still before Him, and give Him the glory, our lives become living reflections of His beauty, no matter how troubled the world around us may be.

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