

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:

Zacchaeus – How to Have a Radical Encounter with Jesus When Opportunity Knocks

[Luke 19:1–10](#)

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Introduction

Zacchaeus was wealthy, powerful, and unpopular—but when Jesus passed through Jericho, he refused to let anything keep him from seeing the Savior. Pastor Scott reminded us that divine opportunities don't last forever. To experience a radical encounter with Jesus, we must respond quickly, rise above obstacles, and surrender fully when He calls.

Reflecting on the Passage

- What does Zacchaeus's eagerness to see Jesus teach us about spiritual hunger? ([Luke 19:3–4](#))
- How did Jesus' invitation "Come down, for today I must stay at your house" demonstrate His grace and personal attention? ([Luke 19:5](#))
- Why do you think Zacchaeus responded so quickly and joyfully to Jesus' call? ([Luke 19:6](#))
- What does Zacchaeus's transformation reveal about genuine repentance? ([Luke 19:8–10](#))

Personal Application

- What “crowds” or limitations might be keeping you from seeing Jesus clearly right now?
- When was the last time you felt God prompting you to act, and how did you respond?
- What would it look like to obey Jesus “quickly and joyfully” in your current situation?

Exploring Faith

- “If opportunity doesn’t knock, build a door.” – Milton Berle
What does this mean in the context of spiritual opportunity?
- “In the middle of every difficulty lies opportunity.” – Albert Einstein
How might challenges in your life actually be opportunities for deeper faith?
- “Nothing is more expensive than a missed opportunity.” – H. Jackson Brown Jr.
What opportunities might God be placing before you right now that you shouldn’t miss?

Community Impact

- How might God be calling you to open your “house” (heart, time, resources) to others as Zacchaeus did?
- What would it look like for us as a church to make room for people who are seeking Jesus, even if others overlook them?
- How can we help one another rise above the “crowds” that block our view of Christ—busyness, doubt, or distraction?

Closing Thoughts

Zacchaeus didn’t just have a passing encounter; he had a life-changing one. He seized the moment, climbed higher, and responded to Jesus with open hands and a joyful heart. When opportunity knocks, may we, too, be quick to respond. Jesus is still passing by, and He still calls us by name.

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