

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 First Question from Heaven

[Genesis 3:9](#)

Beth & Eddie Taylor

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Introduction

"Where are you?" It's the first question God asks humanity, and it's still the question He lovingly asks today. Eddie and Beth Taylor walked us through [Genesis 3:9](#) and reminded us that God doesn't approach us with guilt, fear, or panic. He comes with presence, relationship, and love. This week's questions are designed to help you slow down, reflect on Scripture, and listen for what God might be asking of you right now.

Reflecting on the Passage

- In [Genesis 3:9–10](#), why do you think God asks Adam, "Where are you?" What does Adam's response reveal about fear and shame?
- What stands out to you about God's posture toward Adam compared to how humans often respond to failure or sin?
- How does [Romans 8:15](#) reshape the way we read God's question—not as accusation, but as invitation?

Personal Application

- When you feel shame or fear, what is your instinct—do you hide, explain, or draw near to God?
- Are there areas of your life where guilt has been louder than God's voice of love? What might change if you listened differently?
- Eddie and Beth shared that God parents with presence, not panic. How has that idea challenged or encouraged you?

Exploring Faith

- Pastor Eddie said, “God never parents from guilt or fear—and neither should we.” How does this statement challenge common views of God?
- Reflect on [1 John 4:18](#). How have you seen fear and love compete in your faith journey?
- In the story of the Prodigal Son ([Luke 15:20](#)), what does the father’s response teach us about God’s heart?

Community Impact

- How might God be calling you to show up with presence rather than panic in your family or relationships?
- What would it look like for us, as a church, to lead others from identity instead of instruction?
- How can we create spaces where people don’t feel the need to hide from God or from one another?

Closing Thoughts

God’s first question wasn’t about location; it was about relationship. He still asks, “Where are you?” not to shame us, but to invite us back into His presence. As you reflect this week, remember: you are seen, known, and loved. And wherever you are, God is already there, calling you closer.

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