

Discover Trinity Series 2024

Get In the Game

Week 2: Discover (Interview Leslie)

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Introduction:

You may have noticed I'm wearing a Trinity Church jersey today. That's because we're kicking off a brand-new series called "Get in the Game."

Over the next four weeks, we'll explore what it means to move from being a spectator at Trinity Church to becoming a participant—someone who "gets in the game" with us. Here's the big idea: **Christianity isn't just something you observe; it's about rightly participating in relationships. The framework Jesus gave us to learn and grow in this is called "the Church."**

Throughout church history, we've seen four key places of participation, which we'll cover in this series. Here's how we break them down:

1. **Encounter:** Experience God in public worship. (Show up for the game.)
2. **Discover:** Find a place to serve. (Take your position on the team.)
3. **Connect:** Build relationships and encourage each other. (Join the personal training.)
4. **Live Sent:** Invite others into the family. (Recruit new team members.)

Review:

Week 1: Encounter: We talked about the power of being present with people before God in worship. Here is how we summed it up.

You need the faith in the room.

You need to be around people who have been healed.

You need to be around people who have seen relationships restored.

You need to be around people who believe in the power of prayer.

You need to be around people who worship from the heart.

You need to be around people who worship with their mind.

You need to be around people who have overcome seasons of doubt.

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This Week: We'll focus on **Discover**. To help us dive in, I'm going to invite Leslie to join me on stage.

Interview Leslie:

- 1) For those that are newer, who are you and what do you do?
 - 2) What exactly do we mean by Discover?
 - 3) Why should people go to our Discover class?
 - 4) What if they have been before but it has been a few years? Can they go again?
 - 5) Any stories you would like to share?
 - 6) How can people sign up?
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Homily:

1 Peter 4:10-11 (ESV):

¹⁰ As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹ whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.¹

The context of this passage is powerful. Peter encourages believers to recognize that the spiritual gifts they have received are not for personal gain but for serving others. Christians are called to responsibly manage the spiritual gifts they've been given, using them for the benefit of others and the glory of God.²

This leads to an interesting question.

Why is serving in a local church so important?

- You experience the fullness of Christ in community. You are part of the body of Christ. 1 Cor. 12:12-27
 - “For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ” (1 Cor. 12:12).
- God wants the world to see us serving each other as a witness to the way the kingdom of God is supposed to be. John 13:35
 - “By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:35)
- Together we become a much greater kingdom force to transform the world. Ephesians 4:11-13
 - And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of

¹ *The Holy Bible: ESV* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), 1 Pe 4:10–11.

² Grudem, Wayne. *Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1994.

the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:11-13)

- **By serving one another we practice and develop what eternity will be, an engaged loving family. Eph. 1:5; Rom. 8:16-17; Rev. 19:9; Jn. 14:2**

- Adoption as Sons and Daughters of God: "predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will." (Ephesians 1:5)
- We are Children of God: "The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ" (Romans 8:16-17)
- The Heavenly Banquet: "Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb" (Revelation 19:9)
- Jesus is Prepping our Forever Home: "In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?" (John 14:2)

There is one more thought I would love to offer you.

There is a scene in the show *The Chosen*. It's the execution of John the Baptist. As he becomes aware of death what washes over him is the opposite of what you would expect. He has... peace. As he kneels down and puts his head on the block of wood he will be killed on he gently touches it and looks out a window. He sees a lamb in the distance and whispers, "thank you."

After watching this scene, it hit me. There are people who have found such clear and powerful purpose, not even the might of Rome could take their wholeness from them.

What I want for you is simply this. **I want you to participate in life-giving purpose. Discover Trinity is simply a way to help you do this.**

Next Steps:

Sign up for Discover Trinity.