



Discussion Starter

You were asked to bring or wear your favorite team or organization's paraphernalia to group this week. Share why you like or support this team or organization. If applicable, share any role you play (or played) on the team or within the organization, and what motivated you to contribute.

Get In The Game

1. Share something that resonated with you during the *Get In The Game* message.
2. When something is lacking in a local church who or what do people blame? Who do people expect to fill the voids? Why do you think this is the case?
3. When you hear church leaders call for people to volunteer, serve, or get in the game, do you receive their words as a suggestion (an optional exercise that you should do) or as God's command? Explain. How may a person's receipt of the call to serve – suggestion or command, impact his or her decision to get in the game?
4. Do you feel a sense of urgency to serve within the local church? Explain why or why not.

5. What gifts, talents, or skills do you currently contribute to the local church? Describe how your contribution helps the body of Christ. If you're uncertain what gifts and talents you possess or how you can best serve the local church, make plans to attend the next Growth Rail – Purpose 301. You can signup at - <https://thebridgedc.org/growth-rail/> .

Biblical Connection

1. Read the following Bible passage. Summarize each passage. Also record your observations and any instructions given within the passage.

	Romans 12:4-8	1 Corinthians 12:4-11	1 Peter 4:10-11
Observations			
Instructions			
Summary			

2. Read Ephesians 4:7, 11-16. Record anything that stands out to you in this passage. Discuss your observations.
3. According to this passage what role do apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers share? What role do remaining members of the body share? What do you think about these designated roles? Do these roles surprise you? Explain why or why not?
4. According to Ephesians 4:11-16 what can be achieved if all Christ followers get in the game?



5. Summarize your takeaway from all the passages discussed.

Moving Forward

1. Identify 1-2 things you can do within the next month to either get in the game or to remain in the game at The Bridge? Consider areas of need and/or special skills that you possess.

2. In our careers and other pursuits, we're often encouraged (and sometimes required) to engage in professional development. What are some ways in which you can develop your spiritual gifts and talents to better serve God's kingdom? *Ideas: take classes, participate in Core groups, take advantage of webinars, spend more time studying God's word, practice, complete a degree or certification program, apprentice or shadow an expert in a field, attend team meetings and training events, etc.*

Assignment

- Spend time reading and reflecting on 1 Corinthians 12:4-13:3. Note anything that the Holy Spirit impresses upon your heart. Share with a fellow group member within the next two weeks.
- Signup for Growth Rail – Purpose 301.
- Attend The Bridge's upcoming Sunday worship gathering. If you're unable to attend, listen to the sermon online before the next group gathering. Note anything that resonates with you in preparation for the Week 4 discussion.