

**Go Public:** Get in the Game -- Church is Not a Spectator Sport  
Small Group Discussion Questions  
First Colony Church of Christ  
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**Icebreaker:**

For many of us sports play a big role in our growing up experience, both playing and watching. Share with the group your sports experiences as a child. Which do you remember more vividly: playing or watching? What makes the difference?

*(If sports weren't your thing, feel free to relate other spectator/participant activities, such as drama, dance, debate, etc.)*

**Discussion:**

1. There is a big difference between being a player and being a spectator. What should our role in church be, player or spectator? What is the difference in the local church?
2. Read John 13:3-5, and 13:15-16. How does this action by Jesus affect our view of leadership and servanthood? How do we follow this example? Who do you know who has been an example of service to you?
3. Read Ephesians 2:8-10. What do these verses say about the purpose of our salvation? What does it mean to be "God's handiwork?" How does knowing our purpose motivate us to act?
4. Read 1 Peter 4:10-11. What is a spiritual gift (Romans 12:4-8, 1 Corinthians 12:7-11)? Do you know how you've been gifted? How does knowing your gifting motivate you to serve? If you aren't sure how you've been gifted what will you do to discover your gifting?
5. How do these three motivations (example, purpose, and gifts) motivate us to serve? What other motivations are there for serving? How will you as an individual, a family and a group "get in the game" and serve in the church?

**Prayer:**

Pray together as a group that God would open your eyes to the service opportunities in which He would like for you to be involved. Pray for our church leaders that they would be able to effectively equip the body for service.