

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR CHURCH, INTERRUPTED

EPISODE 1 LET'S TALK ABOUT CHURCH IN THE NEW NORMAL

<https://youtu.be/JaDhAWByDx4>

We encourage you to form a community. Take a few moments after you've watched the first episode to share your reflections with each other based on the questions below. Remember to flavour your responses with kindness and respect!

- 1) Introduce yourself by sharing your name and the parish you are from.**
- 2) Share some of the ways you have remained connected with the church in this season.**
- 3) In the 2005 encyclical Deus Caritas Est ("God is Love"), Pope Benedict XVI speaks of the threefold duty of the church, namely to preach the gospel, to celebrate the sacraments, and to serve the needy. How can we as the laity in this season carry out these responsibilities where we are.**

EPISODE 2 - MISSIONARY NATURE OF THE CHURCH

<https://youtu.be/mXRpeZ-SCcs>

The second episode of Church, Interrupted focuses on mission being the purpose of the church. Watch the video and talk about your reflection to the discussion questions below.

- 1) Growing up, what was your idea and experience of church?**
- 2) What new insight about the church's purpose and mission did you gain from this week's discussion?**
- 3) At the end of this episode, Fr. Terence shares the story of a lighthouse. In your experience, are our parishes more like a clubhouse (focused on insiders) or a lighthouse (focused on reaching those outside)?**

EPISODE 3 WHO IS THE CHURCH?

<https://youtu.be/3Uku9Gkfz0w>

In this third episode, Fr. Terence and his guests explore the meaning of "church" and have an honest conversation about the relationship between the ordained and lay. Take some time to reflect and discuss after watching the video!

- 1. Describe your most meaningful experience participating in Christ's mission.**
- 2. In what ways did you identify with the discussion on ordained/lay relationship in this week's session?**
- 3. Pope Francis in the 2013 encyclical Evangelii Gaudium ("Joy of the Gospel") stressed that "the new evangelisation calls for personal involvement on the part of each of the baptised." (#120) How can our parish communities better express the belief that everyone is responsible to carry out the mission of Christ?**



EPISODE 4 WHAT'S GOOD ABOUT THE GOOD NEWS?

<https://youtu.be/loQKfYJhAdc>

We're at the 4th episode of Church, Interrupted as we explore what exactly is this Good News that Catholics are called to share. Check out the session then answer the questions below. To encourage deeper discussions, try to respond to others in your community!

- 1. Where is your number 1 must-try hawker dish in Singapore? Tell everyone why.**
- 2. Share what you love most about having Jesus in your life.**
- 3. On a scale of 1-10, how prepared do you feel to share the gospel? Explain.**

EPISODE 5 LET'S TALK ABOUT THE AWKWARD ART OF SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

<https://youtu.be/buZQeKQoSy4>

This episode was a 'live' session. Let's take one short moment to reflect on these questions & share with one another our thoughts. Keen to practise this new art that you have just learnt? Let's shake off our awkwardness & respond to each other in your community!

The goal of helping someone believe the Gospel is to take small steps forward in faith. As evangelisers, we need to pay attention to how we present the Gospel.

- a) Imagine yourself being "evangelised to". What would help you be open to listen and what would put you off?**
- b) Imagine you were in the middle of a conversation with a friend. How might you weave in the proclamation of the Good News of Jesus in a way that feels natural and not awkward?**

EPISODE 6 BECOMING A SERVANT CHURCH

<https://youtu.be/OJZ7ojHldEk>

In this final episode, we move the conversation to challenge ourselves and our parish communities to serve the pressing needs of our human family. Share your reflections to these questions as we live out our identity to be a servant church in these times.

- 1. Evangelisation has to happen through both words and actions. How can you live your life to make Christ appealing to others? What changes can you make to be a better witness for Christ?**
- 2. Fr. Terence notes that we have primarily operated from a sacramental and institutional model of church. In this time of the coronavirus crisis, what can we do to be a servant church to the people within 1 km of our parishes?**
- 3. At the end of this 'Church Interrupted' series, compose a prayer for our church and share it below.**

