



Cultivating Second Chair Leaders

Conversations about living out servant leadership in the second chair

Episode #029: Promote Communication

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On this episode of “Cultivating Second Chair Leaders,” we look at the practice of Promote Communication. Today’s episode is formatted a little differently as we hear a conversation between the leadership staff of First Trinity Lutheran Church (@firsttrinity) in Tonawanda, New York, including Jason Christ (@jasonthedce), Sue Steege (@suesteege) and Chuck Whited. We listen in as they discuss what it means to speak the truth in love, live out healthy communication patterns, and discuss specific tools that help them carry out the mission of their congregation.

Scripture for Reflection

- Hebrews 10:19-25
- 2 Samuel 12 - David confronted by Nathan

Quotes for Reflection

- “You will have to pay attention to what it means to be a Christian community, and that is actually a thing to tend to and take care of and watch for when it’s going astray and love one another.” - **Sue Steege**
- “We are so often willing to speak the truth, but not always willing to hear it.” - **Pastor Chuck**

Engagement Questions/Next Steps

- “Promote Communication” is a practice, which means it’s never perfect and there is always room to grow. How does that perspective help you engage in communication in your own setting?
- How do you keep from/prevent triangulation when it comes to support/communication with the first chair?
- What did your team learn about communication during the pandemic? What if any tools did you implement? (*Ex. Daily Check in, referenced in episode*)

We would love to hear insight from your discussion. You can send an email to emily@kindleservantleaders.org and we may share your story in the future!

COMMUNICATION

Cascade



Who needs to know this?



How should we get the word out?



What is the sequence for communication?
Who needs to know first?



What is the impact of this decision on the staff?



Is there anyone who needs ownership in this discussion?



How does this impact promotion or programming?



Should we slow down and bring others around the table before we finalize this decision?