



Cultivating Second Chair Leaders

Conversations about living out servant leadership in the second chair

Episode #031: Nurture Collaboration

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On this episode of “Cultivating Second Chair Leaders,” we look at the practice of Nurture Collaboration which is working together to achieve a group’s mission and vision. Today our guest is Rev. Dr. Gerard Bolling, who provides important insight about what it means to be part of a team, the value of relationship between a first and second chair leader, and how his local congregation is working together to engage the community with a microschool.

Scripture for Reflection

- John 1:35-51
- Acts 4:32-37

Quotes for Reflection

- “I think a lot of the collaborative work on a ministry team has everything to do with the players involved.”
- “I felt like an everything-ship had ended with another person because as a second chair leader, it’s not just a working relationship as colleagues, it’s deeper than that.”

Engagement Questions/Next Steps

- Do you have a crisis plan for your congregation/org? If yes, have the details been communicated out to the staff/leadership? If not, what are the next steps to create that plan?
- “Second chair leaders have more fun!” Reflect on this quote with your first chair/fellow staff. Do you agree? Why or why not?
- This episode highlights a congregation’s investment in a microschool. How is your cong/org investing and serving your local community?

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!