

Show Notes - NOVEMBER 2021 Episode:

Student Leadership

SHOW OPENING (JM)

Welcome to Let's Chat, an ongoing conversation with youth workers and leaders about student ministry and whatever else we end up talking about. Thanks for joining us!

Today's episode will focus on **Student Leadership** and as part of our discussion, we're going to be talking about what makes a great student leader, what kind of impact student leaders can have on a youth ministry, and some practical tools about how to engage, encourage, and empower student leaders in your ministry...

I'm your host, J.M. McGinnis and today I'm thrilled to be joined by:

Jerry Varner - Student discipleship pastor at Southside Church of the Nazarene in Chesterfield, Virginia and Host of the 2 X 4 Student Podcast - a podcast featuring students discussing issues they deal with daily.

Jerry has brought along with him three students featured in his podcast:

Cassie Estes

Alyssa Hancock

Hayden Woodworth

EPISODE PREVIEW (HOST)

On this episode we're going to be asking. . .

- o What makes a great student leader?
- o What do student leaders need from youth workers, especially the lead youth worker?
- o What do youth workers need from student leaders?
- o What kind of impact can engaged student leaders have on a youth group?

HOST OUTLINE / QUESTIONS:

- **What do you think are some of the things great student leaders do when the youth group gathers for worship or service? (Cassie)**
 - o What are some specific things they do? What do they try NOT to do?
- **What about outside the times you gather for "official church things"? What about outside the times you gather? (Alyssa)**
 - o What does it look like to be a student leader outside the regularly scheduled programming?
- **What do you think student leaders need from youth workers, especially the lead youth worker? (Hayden)**

- o What are the specific behaviors, actions, or resources student leaders need from the youth workers to do what they've been called to do? What's the best way to communicate those needs?
- **What do you think youth workers need from student leaders? (Students first then Jerry)**
 - o What's the best way for the youth worker to communicate those needs?

LET'S GET PRACTICAL: (Takeaways)

- What is one thing that has been helpful to you that we could pass on to our listeners?
 - o A great meeting or training idea?
 - o A practice you have adopted as student leaders?
 - o A saying or mantra that has helped you focus as leaders on what's important?
 - o A resource you've used you can point them to?

- Jerry's Student Leader Application

CASSIE'S NOTES:

ALYSSA'S NOTES:

HAYDEN'S NOTES:

JERRY'S NOTES:

NEXT STEP

What are some resources we could point our listeners to who'd like to know more about STUDENT LEADERSHIP?

JERRY - Tell us more about your podcast and how folks might be able to tune in.

SUMMARY

Host summarizes the discussion in a few sentences and then transitions into the show closing.

SHOW CLOSING

Thanks for joining us on Let's Chat!

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 - Until next time, thanks for listening!
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