

## ***Leading from the Second Chair***

### Questions for Reflection and Discussion Contentment-Dreaming Paradox (Chapters 8 - 10)

#### Chapter 8 – Contentment in the Second Chair

- How content are you in your current season of ministry? What are your main sources of contentment? Of discontent? How can you address the negative factors?
- Reflect back on challenging or stressful times in your career. Can you now see how God has used those times to equip and strengthen you?
- Do you feel a sense of impatience or anxiousness to move to a new role? Examine this feeling – is it self-driven or God-driven?
- Who can you turn to for counsel in the midst of struggles with the contentment-dreaming paradox?
- Have you made a conscious choice to grow and excel in your current role? If not, what would it look like for you to make such a commitment?

#### Chapter 9 – Dreaming in the Second Chair

- When is the last time you spent time with God, praying about His plans for your future? When will you schedule a time to get away and do this?
- How would you describe the dream(s) that God has given you?
- Who have (or will) you share your dreams with, so that they can pray for and encourage you?
- Do you and your first chair have a good understanding of each other's dreams? If not, how can you initiate that dialogue?

#### Chapter 10 – Leaving the Second Chair

- Reflect on what you have learned about “leaving” in your prior experiences and in your observations of others. What are the most important lessons to remember?

- If you are considering leaving your current chair, will you commit to a season of prayer and to seeking the counsel of a trusted friend?
- If you are leaving for another position, what are you doing to carefully evaluate the new role and to make sure that it is a good fit for you?
- What can you do to leave well? How can you prepare the organization so that it will not suffer as you leave? How can you bless those you are leaving behind?