

## *10 Practical Expressions of Kingdom Seeking*

- Rather than start a new ministry, first look around for others doing similar work. Could you join them, learn from them, support them, collaborate with them, etc.?
- Take initiative to go out for a coffee with another church/ministry leader you haven't yet met. Simply build relationship, encourage one another and see what happens.
- Gather senior leaders from similar ministries together to pray, share best practices, explore synergy and support one another. Department level staff could do the same.
- Regularly pray for God's blessing and protection for similar ministries. For years, my local church prayed every Sunday from the platform for a different local church and pastor by name.
- Speak well of other ministries and leaders—both publicly and privately.
- Look for creative ways to bless other ministries and leaders. Do you have resources (space, tools, experiences, experts, people or dollars) that could benefit others?
- Could you open a door or make an introduction to benefit another ministry?
- Celebrate when another ministry has a success.
- Should you redirect someone (i.e., a donor, client, etc.) to another ministry that may be better aligned with their priorities?
- Make generosity to other ministries and organizations a value you hold, monitor and evaluate.

For more ideas I highly recommend *Rooting for Rivals: How Collaboration and Generosity Increase the Impact of Leaders, Charities and Churches*, a new book by Chris Horst, Jill Heisey and Peter Greer. They argue that collaboration isn't just about survival, but also about thriving.

Cheering you on to Lead Different,



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