Nested Conversations

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**Purpose**
This protocol is intended for instructors or facilitators to use after introducing a text, document, or presentation. The purpose of the protocol is for the members of the group to explore the concept(s) introduced in the text, document, or presentation.

**Roles**
- A facilitator to set up and guide the process.
- A table host per table to facilitate Nested Conversations and scribe the big ideas discussed.

**Set Up for the Facilitator**
- Craft three guiding questions for the group to discuss following the reading of a text, document, or observing a presentation.
- Decide on the time needed for each round (10 minutes per round is recommended).

**Process**
1. Facilitator groups participants into three groups “nests”.
2. Facilitator identifies one table host per table.
3. Facilitator assigns each table host one of the three questions.
4. Group participates in three rounds (one round per question). A round consists of:
   - The table host introduces the question.
   - The members in the nest discuss the question provided by the table host. Table host can participate in the discussion(s).
   - Table hosts facilitate the discussion and take notes on the big ideas discussed by the group.
   - At the end of the round, the group members remain together and rotate to the next table to discuss a new question.
   - At the end of the round, the table host remains at the table.
5. Whole Group Debrief:
   a. After all rounds have been completed, each table hosts reports on what was captured from the discussions.
   b. What patterns can be seen in the nested conversations?
   c. What implications does this have to your individual &/or collective practice?