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## Week 5 | Mist | February 7

**Key Focus:** Don't be a foolish leader.

### Opening Up:

(Look at these questions as a whole. The idea is to have an organic conversation with this opener.)

Are you a sports fan? Why or why not?

What are you a fan of?

What makes you a fan? How did you become a fan?

Have you ever met someone you were a fan of? Who do you want to meet?

Does meeting someone you are a fan of matter to you?

### Reference: Ecclesiastes 10-11

#### Discuss:

1. In 1 Kings 12:4-11 we saw how Solomon's son Rehoboam was an arrogant and foolish leader. What is it like working for an arrogant and foolish leader? What makes a leader become arrogant and foolish?
2. Ecclesiastes 10:1 says that one foolish leader or decision can mess up a history of wisdom. How have you witnessed this to be true? What makes being wise and making wise decisions hard?
3. In Ecclesiastes 10:3 we see that a fool is not self-aware. Why does arrogance blind the fool to their folly? How can a fool become self-aware?
4. In Matthew 20:25-28 we see that Jesus calls us to lead like him. We are called to serve and not to arrogantly lord over other people. Who is the greatest example of servant-leadership in your life? What makes servant leadership hard to do? How would your home, organization, or friendships change if more people practiced servant leadership?
5. In Ecclesiastes 10:4 we are called to meet an angry leader with calmness. How do you do that? Why is this hard?
6. In Ecclesiastes 10:5-7 we see a leadership debacle: those who should be leading are not in leadership and those who should not be leading are in the place of leadership. Have you ever seen this to be true in your experience? What happens when the wrong person is given a leadership position?
7. You should read Ecclesiastes 10:10 and 11 aloud. Have you ever started a task or project without properly preparing (10)? Have you ever procrastinated and been bitten by a project (11)? How do you know when to get it done and when to prepare? What is it like to work for a leader who does not know the difference between the appropriate time for verse 10 or 11?
8. Ecclesiastes 10:15 says that there is a leader who has no idea where he is leading his people. This leader is weary (and likely all the people who follow him or her). Have you ever had this leader? What is it like to follow this leader?
9. Ecclesiastes 11:3-4 tells the story of a leader who is afraid to act. Have you ever been or followed a leader who is afraid to act? Why does a Christian not have to live in fear?
10. In Ecclesiastes 11:9-10 we are called to rejoice and to put away sadness and pain. In 1 Peter 5:6-7 we are called to cast our anxieties onto God who cares for us. What anxieties are keeping you from rejoicing? How do you cast your anxieties on God? How does knowing God is good and in control help you?
11. Pray.