

MINING THE MESSAGE

TITLE: The Gift of Leading and Following

SCRIPTURE: Ecclesiastes 10:1-20

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BIG IDEA:

Wise leaders and followers will flow out of wise individuals.

OUTLINE:

1. Both Require a Wholehearted Pursuit (1-4)
2. Both Require a Wholesale Processes (5-7)
3. Both Require a Well-Planned Production (8-11)
4. Both Require a Well-Thought Pondering (12-14, 20)
5. Both Require a Well-Timed Partying (15-19)

WHAT DID YOU LEARN?

- 1 Read 1 Kings 11:4. What turned Solomon's heart from God? What is turning your heart from God? What do you need to change in your life to refocus your devotion?
- 2 What resources that you can gain knowledge? How is the profit different from gaining knowledge from the world vs from gaining wisdom from the Bible?

HOW WILL YOU APPLY IT?

- 1 How are you currently being critical of other people in leadership or people who are following you? How do you need to joyfully submit to your leader? How do you need to be thankful for the people following you?
- 2 Our ultimate motivation should be a devotion to following our savior Jesus Christ. How do you need to change (love, thinking, behavior) to reflect this devotion to Christ?

LIVE IT OUT

Develop a pattern of filling your conscience with God's Word. Pick a topic in your life to gain further wisdom to guide your thinking. Determine the response that God wants you to have. Be specific and practical.

READ AHEAD

Read Ecclesiastes 11. How does this chapter challenge us to grow in our trust of the Lord?

