



## Leadership Practicals for MTLs (created by Wes Gow)

### **Embrace Plot Twists**

This topic is meant to be paired with our last topic (*Don't Ascribe Intent*). It's so easy for us to become the stars of our own movies, living our daily lives on a script we've written the night before. Then suddenly, life happens and before we know it we're neck-deep in a plot twist we never envisioned: this isn't a chapter or verse that we approved.)

Now if that can be overwhelming in our own personal lives, you can imagine how much more challenging that can be to be in a managerial role over other people's lives who all experience their own monkey wrenches and plot twists. We can all envision the reactions we probably share when someone on our team declines a request or cancels last minute. All joking aside, that stinks. But rather than get frustrated, learn to embrace plot twists. Here's how:

- Remember that God is the orchestrator of all things. All. Things. Even your ministry team. So that cancellation is somehow a part of his plan for your life. Embrace it as an opportunity to learn something new.
- Step out of your own movie and remember that you are not the star, but rather a participant in a much, much larger movie along with everyone else. We are all characters in an interesting story that Jesus is writing for his glory.
- As with our previous topic of ascribing intent, be sure to take time to shepherd your heart in moments of frustration. When something interrupts our plans, what is the root cause of a negative reaction? Comfort? Power? Control? Approval?
- Lastly, take a posture of expectation. The Psalmists mention this many times, the notion of waiting expectantly on the Lord to act. He is leading us into ever-increasing Christ-likeness; see what he has in store this time!