**DISCUSSION GUIDE – CHAPTER 7 (POSITIONAL LEADERSHIP)**

**QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS:**

1. Have you seen a tie where a captain or upperclassmen with abused their power or had an attitude of entitlement? What effect did it have on the team?
2. What would you do if you had power and could do anything? Would that power be used for the good of others or to prop yourself up?
3. Who is the best captain (or positional) leader that you have seen? What made them such a good leader?
4. Everyone can be a leader because everyone can have a positive influence on someone but what would be the qualities specific to a captain on your team? What do you expect from your captains? What would be included in a captain’s job description?
5. What can you do to help the captains or positional leaders on your team?
6. What can you do to make your coach’s job easier?

**ASSIGNMENT FOR NEXT WEEK:**

1. Reach out to a captain from another sport at your school (or at a different school) and find out what their responsibilities are. Ask them how they actually carry those expectations out daily so that you can become a better positional leader (either now or in the future).
2. Verbally encourage your team’s captain or coach each day for the next week.
3. Interview a coach from a different team at your school to find out what their philosophy of leadership is and what they expect from their captains.