### Doubts & Fears #1: “Lazarus”

-Participant Handout-

**Two Reminders…**

#1—Relative to serving and following Jesus, it’s more important to understand & trust His heart than it is to trust His ideas & strategies.

#2—As we’re exploring Jesus’ heart more deeply, it’s good to remember G.K. Chesterton: *“If you meet the Jesus of the Gospels, you must redefine what love is, or you won’t be able to stand him.”*

**Question:** What are all the factors that influence you saying yes or no to this unknown volunteer role?

**Question:** What are all the factors that influence trust in this experience—from both the Faller’s and the Catcher’s perspective?

**Question:** In general, what does it take to win your trust, and what does it take to lose it?

**Jesus, Mary, Martha, & Lazarus (John 11:1-44)**

**Questions:**

* 1. What are the mysteries embedded in this story we’re trying to solve?
* 2. What can you infer about Martha and Mary’s trust level, both before and after Lazarus got sick and died? What is the nature of their trust—what is it built on?
* 3. What is Jesus’ attitude toward death, and life? What does, “I am the resurrection” really mean?
* 4. What do you notice about the way people react to Jesus in this story?
* 5. What do you notice about the way Jesus responds to the people around Him?
* 6. Why does Jesus pray out loud—what’s His purpose?
* 7. Lazarus had been dead four days, and the tomb smelled. Scientifically, what had to happen in Lazarus for him to walk out, then lead a normal life?

**Video:** “Albus Dumbledore - Trust Me”

**Questions:** How can he trust Dumbledore when that trust doesn’t seem well-placed? On what do we base our trust in people?