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Gamers: Lessons from Super Mario and Among Us (John 11:17-44)

Receive forgiveness and new life in Jesus.

Warmup: Relate your first experience of seeing the birth of an animal, or a child.

READ John 11:17-44

- What has happened in verses (17-24) that is troubling?
- How does Martha perceive her brother's resurrection (17-24)? What is confusing to Martha?
- What is God saying to you in these verses?

REFLECT (The following questions are designed for break out groups.)

- When Mary and Martha meet Jesus, they question why he didn't come sooner. Now that Lazarus has died how might his death affect the sisters' ability to trust Jesus? Can you relate? Has your trust in Jesus waned when He did not seem to show up at the right time? Explain.
- Explain which resurrection you anticipate more, your future resurrection in the age to come, or your current crucifixion of self that leads to transformation -- spiritual resurrection?
- How does what Jesus is teaching you in these verses line up with your life?

RESPOND

- In my life a tomb is a metaphor for _____. Jesus used His voice to call Lazarus out of the grave. In what way is Jesus calling you out of the grave? What needs to remain in the grave?
- What do you want your spiritual resurrection to resemble? What are two "next steps" you can take to follow Jesus in a resurrected life this week? Identify who can be your accountability person this week.
- How is the Spirit leading you to respond this week?

"To transform religious and irreligious people into Fully Devoted Followers of Christ."