

# DEALING WITH **DOUBT**

## **Part 3. House of Cards**

Ask some to give a brief recap of the talk.

- Do you think doubt is an important part of faith? Why?
- Why do we get so scared to talk about it?
- Have you ever experienced intellectual doubt about your faith before? Was it around a certain topic or idea?
- Have you ever thought about the way your faith is structured? How do you think yours is structured? (House of Cards vs. Concentric Circles)

### **Jesus**

Read 1 Corinthians 2 v 1-5.

- Why is it so important that Jesus is the foundational, cornerstone of our faith?
- How can we strengthen our relationship with Jesus and our knowledge of Him, His death, and resurrection so that the whole foundation of our faith is solid?

### **Scripture**

- Why is it so important that our faith is based on Jesus before Scripture? What do you think would happen if it were the other way round?

### **Dogma, Doctrine & Opinion**

Dogma – creeds or established beliefs held by The Church and all Christians (i.e. The Apostles Creed, e.g. God is 3-in-1)

Doctrine – set of beliefs based on dogma and the interpretation of Scripture, but that will vary between groups and denominations (eg. we all believe that God created the world but we can have different takes on how he did it)

- How can we be people who can live in harmony with Christians who have differences of belief around doctrines and opinion?

**BIG IDEA:** Build your faith firmly on the foundation of Jesus - his life, crucifixion and resurrection. That tells you all you need to know about God, His love for you and the life to which He calls you.

Take some time to pray together.

Maybe ask people to share on a scale of 1 to 10 (1 being doubting, 10 being certain) where their faith is at the moment. Then take time to lift this up to God and support each other through prayer wherever they are at.