

Mystic



✓ Prepare in Advance

- Have the *Bible Background Video* ready to view.
- Retrieve, review, and have ready the videos listed below (links are provided on this session's webpage).

✓ Co-Laboring with God

Read the the text for today: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67, then view the *Bible Background Video*.

Discuss the following: Which description most closely matches your concept of God:

God is a **LAWGIVER** and we are to follow his rules as laid out in the Bible.

God is a **GENIE** who can do all sorts of miracles for us, if we know how to ask correctly for them.

God is an **ALL-POWERFUL SOVEREIGN** we submit to

God is a **MAP MAKER** who lays out a specific course/plan for our lives that we need to discover and follow.

God is a **Co-LABORER** who matures us as we choose to interact and work with Him.

- What are the strengths of each concept?
- What are the limitations of each concept?
- How do you make decisions in your life? Where is God in the midst of your decision-making? What are your questions and struggles when it comes to knowing and doing God's will?
- What were the factors that the Bible story characters paid attention to in their decision-making?
- Are there any decisions you are contemplating in your life at the moment, that you would be willing to share with the group?

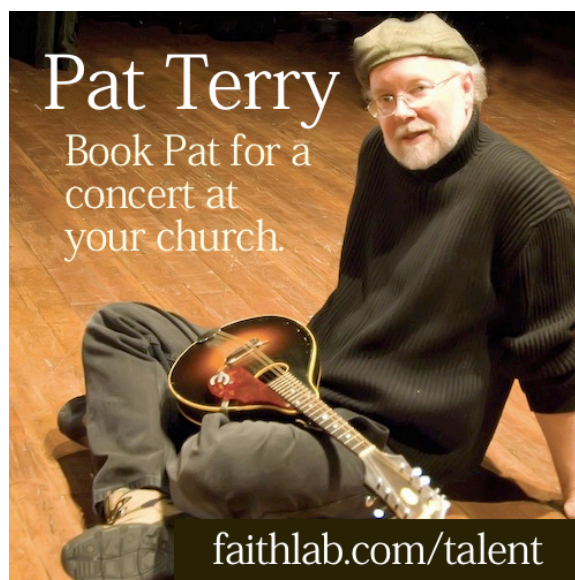
✓ Guided Prayer

Guide the group in a prayer, which they each do silently, following these prompts (leave several minutes of silence after each prompt):

- Imagine that you are in a peaceful place, considering the decision (or a current life situation) in front of you.
- Imagine that God comes to sit beside you. Share the pending decision or life situation with him.

- Ask God what he thinks about your pending decision or life situation. Spend some time listening (you may journal the question "God seems to say . . .")
- Imagine that God asks you, "What do YOU think about this decision?" What is your response? (you may journal the question "I say to God . . .")
- Continue the conversation until you and God come to a stopping/resting point.

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