

Youth



✓ Prepare in Advance

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

✓ Leadership

Print out copies and have each student take the Youth Leadership Test (Ignore the instructions to take it twice.) Go over the results.

Use these questions to facilitate discussion.

- Do you consider yourself a leader? Why or why not? Do other people consider you a leader?
- Which of these characteristics are most important for a leader? Why? The least? Why?
- Can you be a leader without having any of these qualities? Why or why not? What happens when you have a leader with false motives?

✓ Characteristics

Read 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13.

- Why do you think Paul is defensive in this passage?
- What characteristics does he promote in his defense? Are these the characteristics of someone you would listen to? Why or why not? Are these good characteristics of a leader? Why or why not?
- Watch the *Bible Background Video* for this session.
- How do you think Paul's past has made him a better leader? Where do you think Paul's heart is focused as a leader?
- Do you think a leader has to be perfect to be effective? Why or why not? If a leader does not have to be perfect, what kind of heart or motive does an effective leader need? Explain your answer.

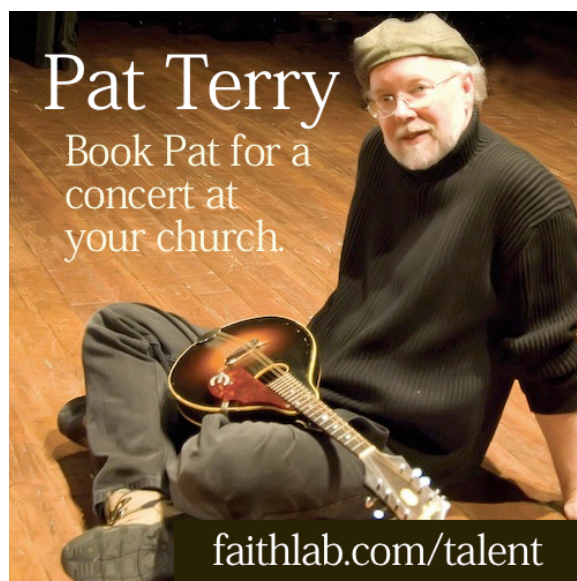
✓ Servant

Play the Beauty and the Beast clip, (stop at the 3:00 mark) and the Aladdin clip.

- What leadership qualities were displayed by Gaston and Prince Ali in these clips?
- Are these qualities the ones we should look for to lead us in our faith journey? Why or why not?
- What are some selfish reasons that people might want to be a leader? How can you tell if someone is a leader with false motives or desiring selfish gain?

- Do you think the church looks for worldly leaders or servant leaders? Why? What's the difference between the two?
- If you were choosing a leader for your youth group, what leadership quality would you look for?

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