

Media



✔ Prepare in Advance

- Retrieve, review, and have ready the videos and music listed.
- Have the *Bible Background Video* ready to view

✔ Group:

Show the *Bible Background Video* followed by the “Those Were the Days” and “We Didn’t Start the Fire” clips, then use any or all of these questions to promote discussion:

- How do you think these songs relate to the scriptures?
- For good or ill, what do you think were the key events in the history of your congregation that everyone should remember?
- Why are they memorable?
- What do you think was learned from these events, or how do they continue to shape congregational life?
- Why is it important to acknowledge the negative things in a congregation’s past as well as the positive ones?
- There may be as many people turned off by the bad things that Christians have done over the years as are encouraged by the good things. How can a congregation move forward while acknowledging both sides of the Christian story or of its own story?

✔ React to This:

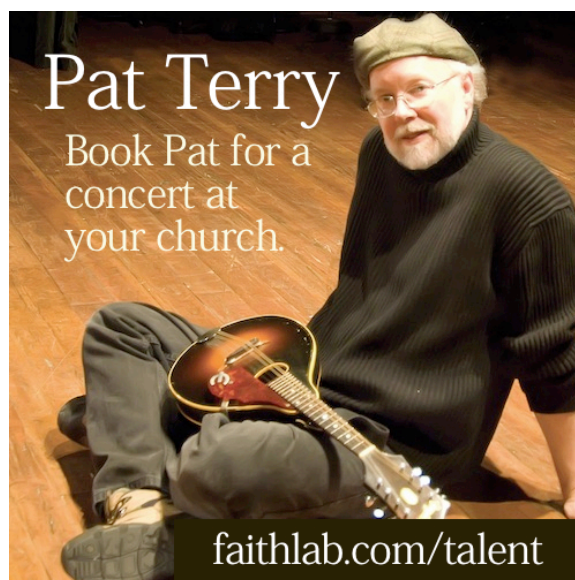
Play the “The Day We Met” and “I Remember this Hill” clips, stopping briefly after each for any comments, then ask questions like:

- In what ways do these clips speak to the things we’ve been talking about?
- What do you believe the high and low points of your life’s story to be and why?
- Why is it important for us to dwell on both the mistakes and successes of our personal past, and what are some dangers that could arise from either of them?
- What effect do you think your personal successes and shortcomings has on your faith or the ways that others see you?
- How might we best relate to people who know both the good and bad things about us?

- What is the best way to address your “checkered past” when dealing with children or others who might look to you or guidance?

Close with a prayer of thanksgiving for God’s every constant presence in your individual lives and in the life of your community.

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