

# Media



## ✔ Prepare in Advance

Facilitator: In advance of the session:

- 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 “Hear Us Lord” and “Vineyard of the Lord” clips, then use any or all of these questions to promote discussion.

- How well did you think the singers captured the essence of this psalm and why?
- In what ways does your congregation address issues like penitence and corporate reconciliation in its worship?
- How might you better do this?
- A number of critics would suggest that Christian congregations have a limited sense of responsibility for their actions, citing things like the way they treat their staff or community, overaggressive building programs, or other things. What do you think of this?
- How can a congregation best seek to make things right when they may have fallen sort of their community’s or God’s expectations of them?

## ✔ React to This

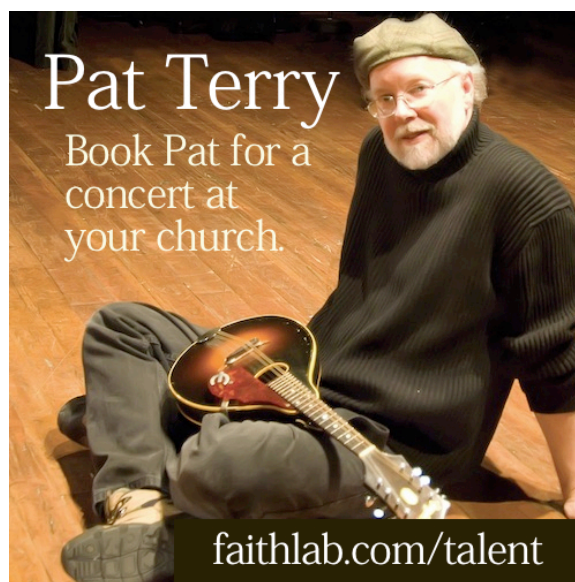
Play the “God Save the People” and “We Beseech Thee” clips, stopping briefly after each for any comments, then ask questions like:

- In what ways do these songs bring a different perspective to the previous discussion?
- How is it different when we appeal to God on behalf of ever one in our society as opposed to only for ourselves?
- For what issues do you most often find yourself drawn to asking God to help others and why?
- In what ways does appealing to God for help shape the way you worship?
- How easy is it to ask for God to help us when we already have so much?
- What can other people learn about faith by watching the way we approach God with our needs and why?

## ✔ Close

Remind the group that the First Sunday of Advent is themed as “Hope” Sunday and invite volunteers to share their hopes for the coming season. Close with a prayer that reflects your hopes for others.

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