

Youth



✔ Prepare in Advance

Facilitator: In advance of the session:

- 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.

✔ Bargaining

- Play the movie clip from "The End", and use these questions to facilitate discussion.
- What are your impressions of this clip? How did he bargain with God?
- Do you think it is wrong to bargain with God to get God to do something? Why or why not?
- Should God's faithfulness to us impact our faithfulness to God? Why or why not?
- Why did the man in the clip turn to God? When do you think most people turn to God?
- Do you think it is wrong or right to turn to God when we are in trouble? Explain.
- How would you respond if you were God and people only called out to you when they were in trouble?

✔ Suffering

Read Psalm 80:1-7 and 17-19.

Watch the *Bible Background Video* for this session.

- How were the people suffering in this Psalm? What did they believe God had done to them? Do you believe that God takes God's protection away from us? Why or why not?
- What kind of bargaining did they do in order to get God's protection? Do you think God hears and responds to this type of prayer?

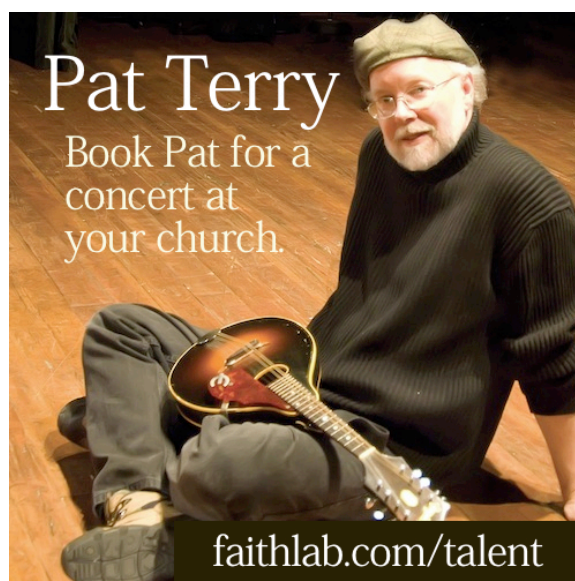
✔ Finding God

Play the movie clips from "The Grace Card" and "Forrest Gump".

- What are your impressions of these clips? How do they relate to the scripture for this week?
- In these clips, where did each of them find God? How does God sometimes use other people to bring us to God?

- Why is it easier to seek God when we are in trouble? How can we learn to seek God even when we are not in trouble?
- Have you, or someone you know, ever been in a place of deep suffering? What was it like?
- Where do you find God when you are going through times of trouble?
- How can this group help you find God when you are suffering? How can it help you when you are not suffering?

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