

Media



✓ Prepare in Advance

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

✓ Group:

Show the *Bible Background Video* followed by the “All You Need is Love” and “Put a Little Love in our Heart” clips. Then use any or all of these questions to promote discussion:

- How do these songs fit with these scriptures?
- What kinds of thing do you think your congregation deliberately does in order to demonstrate God's love to the rest of the world?
- What kinds of things might it unintentionally do that would inhibit its ability to do so?
- Many people would suggest that the degree to which God is working within a congregation is related to its ability to demonstrate love among its members and to outsiders. What do you think of this and why?
- In what ways does affirming God's love transform the life of your congregation?
- What do you think your congregation can do to better demonstrate God's love?

✓ React to This:

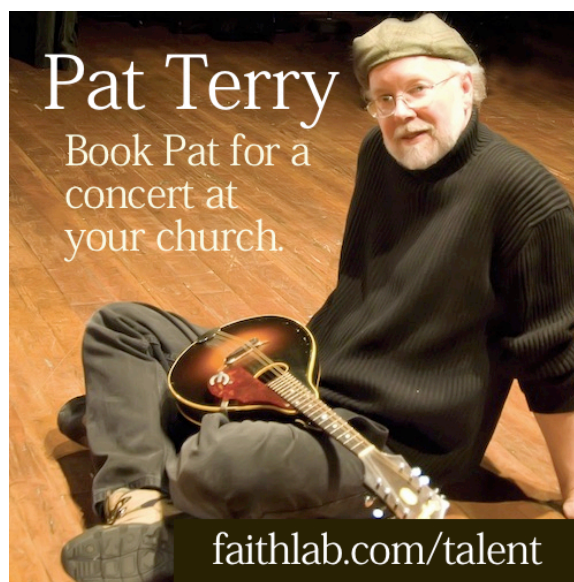
Play the “Show the Way” and “One Love” songs, stopping briefly after each for any comments. Then ask questions like:

- In what ways do the expressions of love contained in these songs reflect your personal view of love?
- How can God's expectation that we will love others prove to be difficult in practice and why?
- What are some ways in which we tend to make compromises with that expectation?
- Knowing that God seeks to travel with us throughout our lives, how can we recover from having made such compromises in our relationship with God?
- How does the knowledge that God's love is persistent, despite our actions, affect our faith and the way we relate to others?
- What can someone do in order to increase the level of love in their life or in the lives of others?

✓ Close

Invite volunteers to celebrate “Love” Sunday (the Fourth Sunday of Advent) by naming something that reminds them of God's unending love. Close with a prayer that reflects acknowledgment and gratitude for God's love.

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