

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.

✔ Christmas

Use the following questions to help facilitate discussion.

- What gift are you asking for this Christmas? How would you feel if you received it? How would you feel if you didn't receive it?
- What, if you did not have it, would ruin your Christmas this year? Why?
- Show the "How Consumerism Stole Christmas" video clip (stop at the 3:14 mark)
- Did anything in this video stand out to you? Explain.
- What is the first thing that comes to your mind when you hear the word "Christmas"?
- What is your family's Christmas tradition? What do your surroundings say about the way you look at Christmas?

✔ Commercialism

- Do you think Christmas is too commercialized? Why or why not?
- Watch the "A Charlie Brown Christmas" video clip.
- Does this video remind of how you celebrate Christmas? Why or why not?
- Do you think there is anything wrong with commercializing Christmas? Why or why not?
- Why do you think the true message of Christmas often gets lost in our celebration?

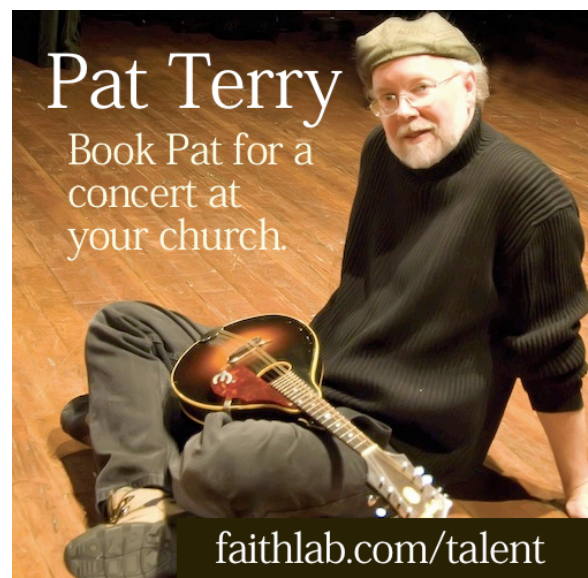
✔ Hope

Read Isaiah 9:1-7 and watch the *Bible Background Video* for this session.

- When you read this passage, do you think of Christmas? Why or why not?
- What was this passage actually about? How could this passage cause some to look forward to their Messiah? How was Isaiah giving a message of hope?

- How is Christmas a message of hope? Do you think this is the message that the world teaches about Christmas? Why or why not?
- What is the hope that Christmas gives you to personally?
- What does it mean when we make Christmas about getting gifts rather than receiving hope?
- How can we be a modern day prophet by teaching the message of hope this Christmas?

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