

Media



✓ Prepare in Advance

Facilitator: In advance of the session:

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

✓ Group

Show the *Bible Background Video* followed by the “Under Cover Boss” clips, then use any or all of these questions to promote discussion:

- When you compare these video clips to the scriptures, what most stands out for you and why?
- What kinds of things does your congregation do to help people encounter God in the everyday aspects of their lives?
- Why might people say that your congregation tends to place more stress on either Jesus’ humanity or his divinity?
- How might stressing one over the other affect the way a congregation does things?
- What does Christmas tradition say about the way God is present in congregational life?
- What do you think your congregation can do in order to help the rest of your community experience the ongoing presence of God in the everyday?

✓ React to This

Play the “Creed” and “It’s a Wonderful Life” clips, stopping briefly after each for any comments, then ask questions like:

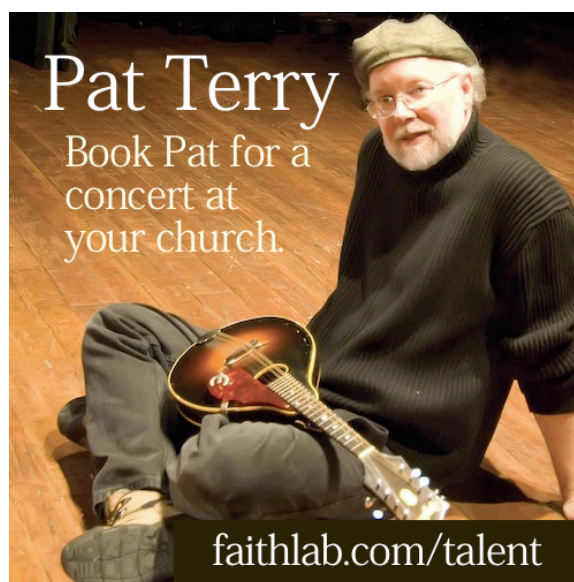
- What images and themes from these clips do you think best reflect the previous discussion and why?
- In your experience, what kinds of things does God do in order to help you feel more “present” with God?
- What kinds of things do you do in order to get a better feel for God’s presence in your own life?
- How are such things reflected in your interactions with other people?
- If Jesus’ birth is demonstrative of the fact that God has come to us and become one of us, how can we best demonstrate that to other people?
- What can someone do in order to help the rest of the world see the holiday season for what it was

created to represent, as opposed to a chance for material gain?

✓ Close

Invite people to share a resolution that they made, or should have made, for this New Year. Close with a prayer that they might live out their best intentions for the year, and in so doing, show others that God is still with us.

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