

# 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 session's page).
- Have the *Bible Background Video* ready to view.

## ✓ Group

Show the *Bible Background Video* followed by the “If You Want To” and “The Robe” clips, then use any or all of these questions to promote discussion:

- What important concepts or questions do these clips raise for you and why?
- If an outsider was to ask you what your congregation believes about baptism, what would you say and why?
- How, specifically, do baptism and other rituals that suggest submission to God or membership in a larger community of faith affect the way your congregation does things?
- What, if anything, about baptism creates some controversy between people in your congregation or between your congregation and others?
- What is the best way for a congregation to deal with such tensions?
- In what ways can the story of Jesus' baptism serve as a template for how congregations might relate to the rest of the world?

## ✓ React to This

Play the “Come Down Here” and “Relentless” clips, stopping briefly after each for any comments, then ask questions like:

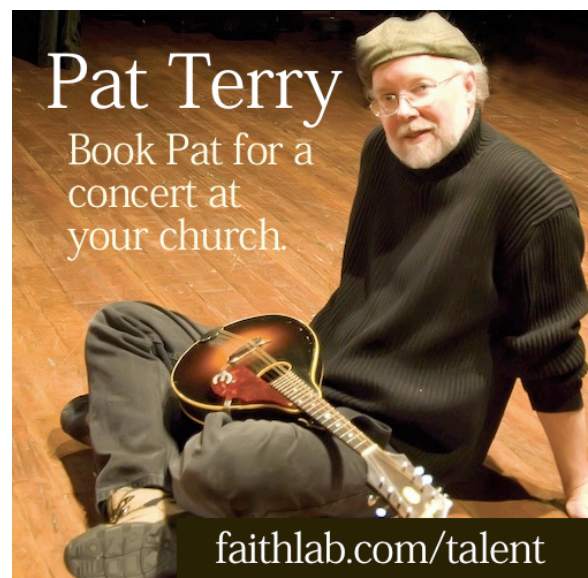
- How do you think these songs relate to your understanding or experience of baptism?
- Other than the intrinsic significance of the event, what do you most remember from the baptism or confirmation rituals that you've seen and why?
- How is the story of Jesus' voluntarily choosing baptism at John's hands similar to your relationship with God or your view of baptism?
- If a friend told you they were thinking about getting baptized, but they had some misgivings about the practice and its meaning, what would you tell them?

- What can people do in order to make baptism a more vital and meaningful aspect of their faith?

## ✓ Close

Close with a prayer that reflects gratitude for Jesus' willingness to be present in and sharing our lives.

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