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## The Power of Art

- What art can do
  - Increase “the Glory of God in the world”
    - The sum total of the degree to which all human hearts are aligned with the heart of God
  - Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn
    - “glimpse the Inaccessible . . . and your soul begins to ache”
  - From prior sessions
    - Artist as prophet
    - General and special revelation
  
- Power that changes lives
  - Why do we do what we do?
    - Eve and the serpent
    - The elements of Eve’s decision
  - Art and the heart of God
    - Goodness . . . Truth . . . Beauty
    - Way . . . Truth . . . Life
    - Morality . . . Law . . . Love
    - . . . and the greatest of these is love
  - The Glory of the Lord
    - Hans Urs von Balthasar

- God's ultimate Beauty and Glory
- How we become who we need to be
  - People, Romans 7, and art
  - People, Romans 8, and art
  - The battlefield where God and Satan fight
- What will our art do?
  - Power for your art
  - Depth for your art
  - Three traps that artists-who-are-Christians fall into
  - The challenge for artists-who-are-Christians
- Discussion prompts:
  - What works have profoundly struck you? Influenced your life in a significant way?
  - Robert Henri: "Your drawing should be an expression of your spiritual sight."
  - Robert Henri: "The value of a work of art depends on the flight the observer takes from it."
  - Edgar Degas: "Art is not what you see, but what you make others see."
  - How can your work and your art take its next steps toward a "reach for the power"?