

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP REFLECTIONS

DISCUSSION GUIDE

The Church and the Arts

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Discussion Questions

1. Reflect on and discuss the message your ministry is sending—are you known for what you oppose or for what you promote? Identify steps you can take to shift further towards promotion.
2. Brainstorm ideas for bringing greater focus to beauty and aesthetic meaning in your church or ministry. Create avenues for those in your congregation or on your staff with artistic talents to use their gifts for God.
3. In what ways can you use original positive-themed art as a form of outreach for your ministry to engage and inspire culture?
4. Art can enhance evangelism programs by portraying the darkness of a world separated from God. Encourage your congregants to read and promote Christian literature such as *Uncle Tom's Cabin* and *Les Misérables* as powerful evangelical tools.
5. Review the aesthetics of your church or office building to determine ways that reflections of God's beauty can be added, however small the change might be. Aim to delight those who will be experiencing the space.