

Leader Guide for SESSION 7: THE VIA PULCHRITUDINIS

Overview:

After several sessions on evangelization, culture, and youth culture, this Equip session will consider the privileged role the Way of Beauty (i.e. *via pulchritudinis*) might play in evangelization today. This session will not only engage this topic theoretically, but will work toward some practical applications for youth evangelization.

Session Outline:

- The facilitator should welcome everyone, provide time for any necessary introductions, and lead a brief opening prayer. Next, he/she should read the overview (see above) or provide an overview of the session in his/her own words.
- Watch Segment 1: A Way through the Culture (3:24)
 - As a group, discuss the following:
 - When and how have you experienced beauty? Can you provide any experiences of being “struck” by the beautiful?
 - Have you ever attempted to share the Gospel with someone and things didn’t turn out well?
- Watch Segment 2: Dynamics of Beauty (6:13)
 - Invite participants to personally reflect on how they have experienced what might be called the “dynamics of beauty.”
 - Then, invite members to share their reflections with the group.
- Watch Segment 3: The Ways of Beauty (5:00)
 - Invite your volunteers to personally reflect on how each of the three ways of beauty could be utilized to open your youth to the Gospel.
 - Next, invite group members to share their reflections.
- Takeaways and Closing Prayer
 - The facilitator should invite participants to briefly share their biggest takeaway or question from the session. The facilitator should note these carefully, as they will provide fodder for one-on-one follow up.
 - The facilitator should close the session with a prayer.