Guides for poetry: *The Road Not Taken, A Thing of Beauty,* and *Your Laughter*

- ➔ Pay attention to which lines strike you as beautiful or thought provoking… Underline them…
    - ◆ What is the meaning?
    - ◆ How does this relate to you personally?
- ➔ Pay attention to the themes:
    - ◆ Beauty
    - ◆ Something “Other” that is uplifting
    - ◆ The nature of man
- ➔ Pay attention to how this relates to your life or relationships…
- ➔ Pay attention to your distractions
- ➔ Pay attention to your surroundings… Write down a few observations…
- ➔ Pay attention to any changes that are happening to your spirit-- Ex: Do you have a better sense of beauty of freedom now vs before you came here?
- ➔ Pay attention to how the works relate to your faith and/or your relationship to Christ
- ➔ Other notes and observations…

Discussion Questions:

1) What were the lines that struck you? Why?

2) What was something that you noticed about your surroundings?

3) In what ways were you distracted?

4) Can we truly love if we are distracted?

5) We are being very intentional this evening… How does being intentional *change* how you relate to the world around you?

6) How about with Christ or your faith?

7) Other discoveries?