

Let's Redeem Halloween!

Within the Christian community, there has always been a polarizing debate about Halloween. Do we as Christians reject it, receive it or redeem it? The reality is that regardless of what we choose, this is the one night a year when our Neighbors will come knocking on our door. What impression will we make?

This year, let's choose to redeem Halloween!

Turn on your lights.

Stand in your driveway.

Be out front to say hello to everyone.

Talk to your Neighbors.

Be present and be on mission in your neighborhood.

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How to Redeem Halloween

Be Prayerful. Ask the Holy Spirit to open your eyes and ears to the needs around you and to help you listen for ways that you can serve your Neighbors. Pray for open doors to new relationships and Gospel conversations. If you have kids, include them in your prayer time so that they can participate as you carry out God's mission.

Be Attentive. Ask the Holy Spirit to open your eyes and ears to the real needs around you.

Be Generous. Reverse "trick or treat" by baking and taking cookies to your Neighbors - a great way to introduce yourself.

Be Encouraging. Tell kids what you like about their costume and to have a fun night. Practice building others up with words.

Be Welcoming. If our God is about pursuit, blessing and welcoming, then what would it look like for us to be about pursuit and blessing on Halloween? Is it having all your lights on and being at your front door? Is it being in the driveway or on your front porch? Is it chairs and a fire pit in the front yard?

Be You. Don't strive for "perfection" or having everything "right." Your authentic you will make Neighbors feel most welcome. Oh, and smile a lot!

