

PORCH LIGHT

A HALLOWEEN GUIDE TO GOSPEL INTENTIONALITY

Be present. Be generous. Be intentional.

Halloween is a unique opportunity to shine the light of the gospel. This guide offers simple, intentional ways to engage your neighbors, build relationships, and live on mission right where God has placed you.

You may have more neighbors come to your door on Halloween than any other night of the year. The goal is more than handing out candy. It's creating space for people to slow down, connect, and opening the door for conversations about Jesus.

INVITE PEOPLE TO SLOW DOWN LONG ENOUGH TO TALK

That could be something simple and friendly—like:

- Showing a football game that's live on a TV in your driveway
- Having a fire pit going so people can make s'mores or just hang out
- Running a game or a wheel to spin to win candy

BE GENEROUS

Give things that feel welcoming and kind, like:

- Cold drinks or bottles of water
- If you want to attract more people for years to come, give larger candy bars

BE INTENTIONAL

Why? We believe the gospel changes everything and God saves us to send us. That means every conversation, every invitation, and every simple "hello" can become a chance to help your neighbor see that God loves them and offers forgiveness and new life in Christ.

GOSPEL OPPORTUNITIES

- **Gospel Resources** Calvary has kid-friendly gospel presentation booklets you can request from the missions office. If you give the resource along with candy, ask permission first: "Can I give you a booklet that tells you how much God loves you?"
- **Gospel Conversations** As people linger, look for open doors for gospel conversations with parents/adults you are meeting or talking with.
- **Future opportunities** If these are neighbors, remember that there will likely be future opportunities for gospel conversations as well.

PERSONAL INVITATIONS

- **Invitation Cards** Invite cards can be picked up at the Next Steps desk any Sunday. Use these as a way to give a tangible invite to join you at Calvary on a Sunday morning.
- **Future Events** Calvary hosts a number of events throughout the year that are easy to invite to. Events like Fall Fest, Nights of Worship, Christmas Eve, Easter, and Men's and Women's events are great entry points for people.
- **Helpful Resource** *The Art of Neighboring* by Jay Pathak, Dave Runyon

DESIRED OUTCOME

At the end of the night, the hope is not only that your neighbors enjoy their experience, but that:

- Your neighbors **know you're there.**
- Your neighbors hear the truth that **God loves them.**
- You create an opportunity to **pray with them** or **invite them to church.**

PRAY

Begin praying now for God to show you what to plan to do.

- Pray that God will bring many neighbors to you on that night.
- Pray that you will be able to have meaningful conversations with gospel intentionality.
- After that night, ask God who He wants you to have follow-up conversations with.

