

## C3 GROUP QUESTIONS

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### Getting Started with a Warm-Up:

- “What Is the History of Halloween?”

Halloween is one of the most popular holidays in the United States and certainly one of the most profitable. An article published in USA Today estimated that Americans spent over nine billion dollars on Halloween decorations, parties, and events in 2018.

Now that number dipped significantly in 2020 in the heart of the Covid-19 pandemic, however, one statistics website forecasts that Americans will again spend close to 10 billion dollars in 2021 on Halloween.

Needless to say, October 31 has become synonymous with many popular traditions. Pumpkin carving, costumes, trick-or-treating, bonfires, carnival games, mazes, haunted houses, decorations, and candy are some of the more light-hearted and even family-friendly activities enjoyed during the month of October. (Ryan, J. Christianity.com, accessed 11/4/22, <https://www.christianity.com/wiki/holidays/what-is-the-history-of-halloween.html>)

- Why do you suppose people including Christians spend this much time and effort in celebrating this day?

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### **Getting Down to Business:**

The following questions are following this format: Scripture/Observation, Application, and Prayer (SOAP).

#### **1) Scripture/Observation:**

- A. Read Acts 9:13. Who are the saints? Are there saints who are still alive today?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- B. Read 1 Timothy 2:5. According to scripture why should we only pray to God and not to his saints?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- C. Read Romans 2:11 and James 2:8-9. How can these passages be used to justify not idolizing or praying to saints? (compare with 1 Cor. 3:4-7)

#### **2) Application:**

- A. Why is it important to teach our children about the sacrifices and contributions that the saints of history have made?

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B. How can we do a better job remembering and honoring saints past and present?

**3) Prayer:** As you pray, thank God for the faithful saints who He has used in the life and history of His church. Thank Him, as well, for those He has placed in your life who have introduced you to the faith and helped to strengthen your faith.

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. (Hebrews 12:1 NLT)*