
TEST THE SPIRITS

Ghost Tour

Opening Prayer

Introduction, describing the paradox of the popularity of Halloween in a largely secular society and defining secularism using Schmemmann's "Worship in a Secular Age" (see appendix 1 in *For the Life of the World*).

Rounds at Tables (small group discussions), during which the facilitator should place pens and feedback forms (note cards work well) on the seats in which everyone began.

- What was your experience of Halloween as a child?
- Has your perspective on Halloween changed at all now that you're older?
- What, if any, are the negative aspects of our society's observance of Halloween?
- What, if any, are the positive aspects of our society's observance of Halloween?
- What would you say is a faithful Orthodox Christian perspective on Halloween?

Reports and Theological Reflection, summarizing table discussions. Offer the possibilities raised in Ross Douthat's article "Ghosts in a Secular Age" (2015) for discussion. The facilitator should invite the group to generate other questions, based on his/her presentation and building on the others. Mention the evaluation cards before the prayer.

Closing Prayer

Evaluation
