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Greetings Pastor or Youth Leader!

The days are growing shorter and there is a cool, crispness to the air. Autumn has arrived! Soon many students will turn their attention to Halloween. As a youth leader, I'm sure you are again wondering how to minister to your students, advise them, reach out to those who are seeking, even reclaim Halloween night for Christ. Well, we want to introduce you to an awesome alternative for you and your students.

GoFish Ministries with the help of local churches will host "The Valley of the Shadow of Death", a real-world house of horrors October 27-31. This is the time of the year where many are looking for a scare. The goal of the event is to capitalize on the season and give people a taste of what is really scary. This evangelistic event aims to show three things: 1) sin hurts and destroys, 2) hell is scary, and 3) heaven is desirable and obtainable through Jesus Christ.

What is the experience like? First, the guests will enter into darkness, where they will wonder around for several minutes trying to find their way with no light or guidance. Then they will come upon scenes that show the affects of sin, and what is behind it. During this stage they will encounter the occult, lust, drugs, suicide and more, leading to the coffin where they face the question of "is death the end?". Then they will find themselves standing in a judgment chamber where they will personally be judged for things done in this lifetime. They then enter a hell scene where they encounter demons, torment, and Satan. We must admit that the hell scenes are intended to be absolutely scary. Coming out of the hell scene, they enter a peaceful area where they are given a presentation of Christ and His atoning work on the cross. Everyone that attends the event will be given a tract that explains the experience they just had as well as the Good News!

An event like this is a massive undertaking so we want to offer you a two-fold opportunity, to use this event as an evangelist tool for your group, and to get your group involved in this ministry with a purpose.

Become involved

Approximately 35 people are needed each night to be successful. This includes actors, ticket takers, security, prayer warriors and those gifted in hospitality and presenting the Gospel. Understanding the spiritual battle is very real, we do recommend persons have a mature walk with Christ to work the event. Curious? Give us a call.

Attend and Bring the Unchurched

Use this as an outreach for your youth or young adult group— attend the Valley of the Shadow of Death and take them back to your church for pizza or ice cream and discuss what they collectively experienced. The event will set the stage for you to ask the very important question, "Where do you think you will spend eternity?" The best ministry surrounding this event will be youth leaders working with their youth immediately after the experience.

The Valley runs five nights, ending on Halloween night. Each evening will start with a pastor from an area church praying over the workers and the event. If your pastor would like to volunteer for this very important task, please contact us.

Our hope is that you would prayerfully consider this opportunity. For more information, visit the project website: <http://go-fish.org/valley>, or call Laura Schoolcraft at 815-382-2083, or Ed Schoolcraft at 815-382-4599. May God bless you and your church ministries abundantly, GoFish.