

Icebreaker: What is an odd fear you have?

### Activating Background Knowledge

- *What do you think it means to be a disciple?*
  - Through our Baptism & Confirmation we became sharers in the same mission as the Apostles to "go and make disciples of all nations" (Mt 28:16-20)
- *What is the first thing that comes to mind when you think of evangelization?*
  - Ex: door-to-door missionaries ("Have you heard about our Lord and Savior?")
  - emphasize evangelization is sharing the Good News with others not conversion
- *What prevents us from sharing the Good News of Jesus with others?*
  - Perhaps what prevents us most from sharing the Gospel with others is fear
    - fear of what others will think & say about us (rejection & persecution)
    - fear that we will say something wrong (failure)
    - fear that we won't be able to answer every question
    - fear of not being taken seriously (b/c young, family member, etc.)

In our day to day busy lives it can be easy to forget the joy of knowing Jesus & to forget to share the Good News with others

- BUT also it can be difficult as sometimes we don't know how to bring up or share about Jesus in our everyday conversations

Watch: ["Is Shyness Your Excuse?" - Fr. Mike \(8:12\)](#)

OR ["How to Share the Gospel \(and How Not To\)" - Fr. Mike Schmitz \(6:59\)](#)

OR ["Evangelization" - Fr. Mike \(Seek Conference 2016, 48:36\)](#)

### Discussion

- *Have you ever shared the Gospel with someone else? How did they react?*
- *Who in your life is it most difficult to share your faith with?*
  - *Why do you think that's the case?*
- *What aspects of the faith do you feel comfortable explaining & sharing with others?*
- *What aspects of the faith do you not feel comfortable explaining & sharing with others?*
- *Who is a person in your life that you can have a spiritual conversation about Jesus with?*

### Activity: Share the Good News

- make a list of people you can be more loving toward
  - choose 1 person in your life (family, friends, youth group, sports team) to focus on
- brainstorm ways you can share the Gospel with people in your life
  - Ex: Fr. Mike's father inviting people to Mass or inviting people to Adoration
  - digital evangelization: missionary disciples in a cyber world
    - our online communication can make Christ present to our friends & family