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## **5 - Evangelii Nuntiandi : Those who Evangelize Saturday, February 10, 2024**

### **Mark 10: 23-21**

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” The disciples were amazed at his words. So Jesus again said to them in reply, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through [the] eye of [a] needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God.” Peter began to say to him, “We have given up everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Amen, I say to you, there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age: houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and eternal life in the age to come. But many that are first will be last, and [the] last will be first.”

### **Questions**

1. What does it mean that every act of evangelism is an ecclesiastical act, in other words an act of the Church? If evangelization is one on one, how can it be connected to the church and everyone else? Where does my authority to evangelize come from and what is my responsibility to that authority?
2. How should the Church take into account the local customs and language of people when evangelizing? What is adopted, and what is not?
3. What happens when a group cuts themselves off from the Church and still seeks to evangelize? What happens to their authority and the truth of their message?
4. What is the role of lay people in helping their local parish evangelize? How can the family be evangelized by parents? What if one parent is Catholic and the other is not?