

ABC GROUP QUESTIONS
WEEK ONE
Week of April 11th



Start It

(If you are a new ABC group, take a few minutes to share your names, how long you have been coming to Glenkirk, and one or two significant/interesting facts about yourself)

(If you are a group that has not met for the last month, what is the most significant thing that has happened in your life since you last met?)

1. Think of a time when you lost something valuable
 - a. What did you do?
 - b. How did you feel?
 - c. Did you ever find it? What was your reaction when you found it?
2. Whether you were born into a Christian home or not, can you identify a time when you realized you wanted to follow Jesus and do His will? If so, share that experience.
3. What does the word "evangelize" mean to you? Does it have positive or negative connotations?
4. Note: If you are meeting the week of April 18th—what stood out in this weeks worship service?

Share it:

1. What does it mean to be a disciple?
2. What does it mean to make disciples?
3. What stood out for you in Jim's sermon on April 10-11th?

Study It:

Read Matthew 28:16-20

1. What do you think Jesus is asking his disciples to do? (Obviously he says, "make disciples," but what do you think this means, what were the day to day implications of these commands for these disciples?)
2. What are the differences between how Jesus intends for you to live out these commands in comparison to the disciples understanding?
3. In verse 20, Jesus says "to teach them everything I have commanded you." What is Jesus referring to? How does this inform your understanding of evangelism?
4. Jim said we should not think of the Church as magic—that is, we should not just sit back and pray that God, or the paid staff, will do all the work. What evidence do you see that this statement is an accurate assessment of how people view the church? What changed your mind in this regard?

Read Luke 19, focusing on verses 11-37. Note also Matthew 25, focusing on verses 14-30.

1. What are some similarities and differences between these parables?
2. What do you learn about what Jesus was trying to teach; given the context of the parables (i.e. what goes before and after, and when Jesus told them in reference to His time here on earth)?
3. How does this parable help us understand the Great Commission?
4. Where do you see yourself in this story (as one of the servants, which one, as one of Jesus disciples, the crowd, the religious leaders), elaborate?

Apply It:

1. Did you collect the \$10? Why or why not?
2. How might you as a group work together to use the money (and if you need some give me a call), to make money for Glad Tithing's India?
3. With both the sermon and the scriptures in mind, describe what you think it means to be a Christian?
4. Someone once said that discipleship is the process of "being and reproducing spiritually mature zealots for Jesus." How are you doing with each part of this definition?