



# Trust Issues - Week 4

## Message Discussion Questions

### Introduction:

This week Chance continues a new series we're calling Trust Issues. Do you have trust issues? How would you know, what does it look like when you don't really trust God?

For Part 4 we're looking at Treasures, what are your treasures? What do you do with what God has blessed you with? Where you invest your time, talent and treasure shows what you value the most. Does the way you handle your 'treasures' demonstrate how well you trust God?

### Questions:

1. Why were the leaders of the Jews so intent on trying to trap Jesus? Why is this a tougher question for Him to answer than it first seems? What could happen depending on His answer to this loaded question?  
Mark 12:13-15
2. How did Jesus' reply reverse their trap back onto these religious leaders? Why did it matter whose image was on the coin? Mark 12:15-16
3. How was this attempt to trap Jesus an opportunity for Him to provide teaching regarding treasures and the focus of their hearts? How did this show that it's not about the money? Where is your heart?  
Mark 12:17
4. Why was it important for Jesus to teach that the Messiah was both a descendant of David and at the same time David's Lord? What is He preparing the crowd for? What does this tell us about David and the Messiah? Mark 12:35-36

5. What does this teaching challenge regarding the religious leaders teaching about David? What was the focus of the religious leaders? What is Jesus saying about the 'treasure' of the 'teachers of religious law'? Are you at risk of making the same mistake with your treasures? Mark 12:37-40
6. Why is it important to understand what an offering is? Why do we know it's not about the money? How significant is this contrast with the prior verses, what was different about the widow's heart? What did she really give? How does this show that offering your life is an act of worship? Mark 12:41-44
7. Where is your heart? What is it in your life that you value the most, that is your treasure? As you think about your life, where are you spending your time? Where are you spending your treasures? Where are you spending your talents? Are you willing to submit it all to Him, to give it all to Him?

**Key Takeaway:** *It's not about the MONEY. You worship Him by submitting what you value the most to HIM who actually matters the MOST. Where is your heart? How are you using the treasure He has provided?*

### **Summary:**

- Trying to trap Jesus, should they pay taxes to Caesar?
- Whose image is on the coin?
- Amazing reply... the focus is the heart
- Messiah as descendant of David and still 'Lord'
- Warning to beware these teachers of the Law...
- What is an offering? An act of worship, giving your all
- Where are you spending your time? Treasure? Talents?