

Who Do You Trust?

Glendale Scriptures: Prov. 11:28, Lk 12:15, Col 3:5, 1 Tim 6:17, Heb 13:5, 1 Tim 6:10, Matt 6:19–21.

Peoria Scriptures: Prov 11:28, Lk 12:15, Col 3:5 Heb 13:5, 1 Tim 6:9–10, Lk 12:16–21, Prov 3:9, 2 Cor 9:6–8.

Heart Crew Homework Glendale & Peoria

For the week of January 31st & Feb 1st

MY STORY

1. When was a time that God surprised you with his generosity?
What did that look like?
2. When was a time that you surprised somebody else with generosity? What was their response?
3. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

1. DIGGING DEEPER

Finances in the church can sometimes feel uncomfortable or raise hesitation, but Scripture invites us into something better, unity through kingdom generosity. When the body of Christ gives together, our mindset shifts from "I can't do anything about it" to "together, God can make a difference through us." Everything we have belongs to Him, and our call is to steward His resources faithfully, not fearfully. Read Ecclesiastes 5:10. What is one provision from God you're grateful for today, and how has it been a blessing in your life?

2. Scripture consistently weaves together finances, giving, and practical blessing, and Jesus speaks about money often because it reveals where our trust truly lies. The tension comes from how tangible money is as it sits in our hands and wallets, making it tempting to trust what we can see instead of how God is working. Add in culture, and our focus can gradually shift. Read Matt 22:15–22, Mark 10:17–27. How often do we test God with money, choosing to protect our income rather than trust Him with the outcome?

3. In 2 Kings 4:1–7, a widow facing overwhelming debt steps out in faith, knowing she cannot produce the miracle herself. She seeks counsel with Elisha, gathers empty jars, and pours out what little she has, and God provides in a way she could never earn or control. This reminds us that God is not a genie who answers to us, but He is the source of all blessing where faithful obedience creates space for His provision. We thank Him for the strength to work, the discipline to stay faithful, and the doors we could not open on our own. Where might God be inviting you to take a step of faithful action before you can see how He will provide?

a. Like the widow, our minds often wonder what will happen when need presses in. Read Matthew 6:33 and Philippians 4:19. When you are in need, where do you turn first?

4. Read John 8:36. When the Son sets you free, you are truly free, and that freedom changes everything. In Christ, we no longer live bound by greed, pride, envy, or comparison but from the security of God's promise. How does freedom in Christ shape the way you view what others have, and how does it influence how you choose to direct your resources?

TAKING IT HOME:

Rom 8:31-32. God did not look at our spiritual or financial debt and decide we were not worth the cost. He knew we would misuse His gifts before we ever truly knew Him, yet He gave anyway. This shows us that generosity is not based on the worthiness of the receiver but on the heart of the giver. God, the greatest giver, gave from a heart of love, life, and purpose by offering His Son. Without that gift, we would be lost with no way out. Because of Christ, we rejoice in the greatest gift ever given, the one that changed eternity.

Action step this week:

- Give first, not last.
- Practice intentional contentment through gratitude.
- Use money as a tool to bless others, not just to protect yourself.