

Deepening our Impact on our Community

TREASURE QUEST

A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY OF THE HEART

We sometimes make the mistake that simply attending church is our entire responsibility as believers. We check it off our list for the week and move on to the next thing. It is clear that the apostle Paul challenged us to center our thinking on the things that are good in God's eyes. But notice what he says at the end of verse 9. It is clear we are to do more than just think on the Word. We are to **put the Word into practice**. James 1:22 says the same thing..."*Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says*" or again, as Paul so aptly said, *Put it into practice!!*

The community we serve is not just a geographical area defined by roads and zip codes. It is an incredible mosaic of homes, families, schools and relationships-people with real hurts, needs and questions. God placed us here to reach this community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

As a faith family our ability to reach this community is resourced by our giving. All of us giving to God faithfully produces more fruit than any of us could on our own. And in doing so, we put action to our faith and align our lives with God's treasure. The path to God's treasure starts by releasing our own.

Questions to Think About

- Do you have a checklist mentality regarding your responsibility in God's Kingdom?
- Consider the potential of our faith family. We live in a huge area from Cinco Ranch to Fairfield and Katy to Eldridge. What could happen if this community was truly changed by the grace of Christ?
- List three ways you can put Paul's words into action.



...whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me--*put it into practice.*

PHILIPPIANS 4:8-9