

May 16th-17th, 2020 Sermon
“Clinging to the Hope that Sustains Us”

Hebrews 10:19-25

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Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Read the passage above as a group.

1. Tell of a time when either a) a strongly held hope came to pass, or b) a strongly held hope faded away. How did that impact your experience of hope the next time you hoped for something?
2. Would you describe your hope (most of the time) as “solid and secure” or more “tentative and tenuous”?

Together, read Hebrews 10:19-25 (remembering that, in the original, it is one long sentence).

3. How do the “since we have...” statements of verses 19 and 21 speak to your understanding of hope?
4. As we – with the writer of Hebrews – reaffirm the source, the foundation, the object of our Hope, we are urged to cling to that hope... Together. How does the connection with your home group help you as you follow Jesus and hold to this hope?
5. Hebrews 10:24-25 tell us to “stir one another to love and good works”, urges us to commit to being connected with one another in fellowship and worship, and to commit to encouraging one another. How can your group encourage one another in these area/ways... both now, during the Covid-19 restrictions, and after things open back up for us? What encourages you in your walk with Christ?