

**Sermon Series:** Church Matters

**Sermon Text:** Hebrews 10:19-25 part 3

**Sermon Title:** Let us Hold Fast

**Main Idea:**

Our responsibilities to the church are really pretty simple. They are also very challenging. As a result, we can come up with many reasons not to take them seriously. I want us to look at Hebrews 10:23 together today and see how this verse helps us understand why prioritizing corporate worship and pursuing biblical friendships in the local church is so important in spite of the difficulties we might face.

**Overview:**

1. What we have: "The confession of our hope"
2. What we must do: "Let us hold fast ... without wavering"
3. Why we must do it: "For He who promised is faithful"

**Discussion Questions**

1. In what ways are the responsibilities we have to the church very simple?
2. In what ways are fulfilling these responsibilities challenging?
3. What are some things you think you would have to change to obey the commands of Hebrews 10:22-25?
4. What does holding fast have to do with drawing near and considering how to stir one another up to love and good works?
5. What is the confession of our hope?
6. What does that have to do with the command to hold fast?
7. What does it mean to hope? What is unique about Christian hope? In what ways is hope important to the Christian life? How does understanding the future promises of God shape our lives as Christians?
8. What does it mean to "hold fast?" What does this command tell us about the nature of the Christian life? Why do you think that some people who would acknowledge holding on to their hope is challenging still don't seem to take their responsibility to the local church seriously?
9. Is it possible for someone to be a strong and mature Christian apart from the local church?
10. What is the reason he gives for holding fast to the confession of our hope? What does faithfully fulfilling our responsibilities to draw near and stir one another up to love and good works have to do with that?

**Sermon Notes:** This is a place you can record your own notes and thoughts as you listen to the message today so that you can think about them later.

