

Welcome to the fall 2025 season of GLCs. We are jumping back into the book of Philippians. May the Lord bless each of you as we study this great book together.

## exploring

We will explore God's word together, looking at the actual words of the passage each week.

# digging

WeWe will dig deeper into the word, discussing the context and meaning of the passage.

### growing

We will discuss how the passage is applied to our own lives.

### going

We will discuss how the passage informs, challenges, and encourages our gospel witness.





#### **Exploring**

Read Hebrews 10:23-25 together.

23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 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.

1. Compare "hold fast...without wavering" to the NIV which says, "let us hold unswervingly...."

- What is the tone and what is implied in these verbs and phrases?
- 2. What does "the confession of our hope" refer to?
  - Consider Heb. 1:1-4, 8:12, 10:19-22

3. The original word translated "stir up" is also translated provoke, motivate, spur on, stimulate, excite. Share briefly what you think this might look like in the context of meeting together.





### Digging

4. Pastor Pat said that the first reason to gather is to "hold fast the confession of our hope". He explained that this is done by remembering and giving thanks for who Jesus is and what Jesus has done, and that it is to be done over and over again through singing, preaching, praying, exhorting and encouraging.

- Why was this important, necessary in the context in which Hebrews was written?
- Why is it important and necessary in the context in which we live today?

5. Look up Matthew 11:19 and Mark 2:17. What is one of the truths about Jesus we need to be reminded of when we gather together as a church family and why?





#### Growing

6. Psalm 103:8, 10-13 describes the "confession of our hope". We need to hold fast by hearing it over and over again.

- What part of this passage do you treasure the most? Share with the group.
- 7. Pastor Pat gave us a second reason for gathering to stir one another up to love and good works.

We are not just commanded to stir one another up, but to "consider how" to stir up one another, meaning to think very carefully, to take time to contemplate how we might motivate one another.

• If "stirring one another up" is to happen when we are gathered together, when should we be "considering how" we might spur on or motivate one another? What might that look like for you?

#### Going

If we are neglecting to meet together, what effect will it have on holding fast the confession of our hope and stirring one another up to love and good deeds? How would it influence our meetings if we considered them as a channel for God's grace to flow to us in order to keep us holding fast and motivating one another in this way?



