



Week 4 Small Group: It's Not Too Late to Take Ownership

Opening Prayer: Loving Lord, in this time and space, may we be the companions that you call us to be for one another. Join us here and open our hearts to the sometimes-disorienting grace that you would have us receive today. Amen.

Starter Question: Tell the group about a person who has helped you change significantly in some way – it doesn't necessarily have to be a spiritual or moral change.

WRESTLING WITH THE WORD:

Read Acts 9:1-22

1. In Acts 9, Saul is “breathing threats and murder” against the disciples. When Saul goes after the church, what do you think he believes is at stake? Why is he targeting the Jesus movement?
2. How does Saul come to recognize that he is wrong? How do we know that Saul has taken ownership for his behavior (his persecution of Jesus-followers)?
3. How do people respond to Saul's complete transformation – at first and later? What does this tell us about God's grace?

NEXT STEPS:

1. Where do you notice yourself tempted to act out of fear, loyalty, or certainty that you're right, rather than curiosity, humility, or love?
2. Can you think of a time when you were absolutely sure you were right, and only later realized you might have been causing harm? How did you come to that realization? In what ways does Jesus call us to account – even if not in a booming voice from the heavens?
3. Where do we, as individuals or as a community, make it harder for people to live into the change God is working in them?

CLOSING PRAYER: God of transformation, fear can keep us from taking full ownership of our lives and of your grace that calls us to a new beginning. Show us how to be like Ananias to one another and to respond to your disorienting grace with trust, courage, and mutual support. Amen.

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Week 1: It's Not Too**Late to Choose Life**

Sunday – Deuteronomy 30:11-20

Monday – Deuteronomy 30:1-5

Tuesday – Romans 6:1-4

Wednesday – Romans 6:5-8

Thursday – Romans 6:9-11

Friday – Matthew 7:13-14

Saturday – John 10:7-10

Week 2: It's Not Too**Late to Listen to God**

Sunday – 1 Kings 19:4-16

Monday – Genesis 3:8-10

Tuesday – Jeremiah 7:21-26

Wednesday – Psalm 40:6-8

Thursday – 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Friday – Isaiah 55:1-3

Saturday – John 10:27

Week 3: It's Not Too**Late to Be Forgiven**

Sunday – Luke 15:11-32

Monday – Nehemiah 9:16-20

Tuesday – Psalm 65:1-5

Wednesday – Psalm 130

Thursday – Luke 23:34

Friday – Ephesians 1:4-10

Saturday – James 5:14-16

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Sunday – Acts 9:1-22

Monday – 1 Timothy 1:13-15

Tuesday – 2 Samuel 12:7-14

Wednesday – Job 38:1-3, 42:1-3

Thursday – Acts 2:36-42

Friday – Luke 22:54-62

Saturday – John 21:15-19

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Week 5: It's Not Too**Late to Live Differently**

Sunday – Luke 19:1-10

Monday – Romans 6:2b-4

Tuesday – Romans 6:12-14

Wednesday – Romans 12:1-2

Thursday – James 1:22-25

Friday – Isaiah 58:2-8a

Saturday – Matthew 3:8

Week 6: It's Not Too**Late to Stand Up and Stand Out**

Sunday – Matthew 21:1-11

Monday – Esther 4:12-16

Tuesday – Proverbs 31:8-9

Wednesday – Psalm 94:16-19

Holy Thursday – John 13:34-35

Good Friday – John 18:19-24

Saturday – John 19:38-42

Easter Sunday – Matthew 28:1-10