



### Week 1 Small Group: It's Not Too Late to Choose Life

**Opening Prayer:** Loving God, we are here to listen to one another and to you. May we receive what you say with hope, trust, and courage to respond, knowing that you always call us into abundant life. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

**Starter Question:** When you have to make a decision, are there any rituals or strategies (whether serious or silly) you engage in?

#### **WRESTLING WITH THE WORD:**

**Read Deuteronomy 30:11-20**

1. What about this passage do you find comforting? What do you find challenging?
2. According to this passage, what does choosing life involve? What does choosing death involve?
3. How does God, through Moses, say that the Israelites will know what God is calling them to do?

#### **NEXT STEPS:**

1. Bowing down before "other gods" (v. 17) might bring to mind images of golden calves and statues. But what are the other gods that we may find ourselves bowing to today – whether intentionally or not? How does bowing to them turn us away from God?
2. In what ways do you make space to listen for God's voice in your own life and heart? And/or how might you deepen that practice of listening?
3. When do you find yourself saying, "It's too late"—to change, to choose differently, or to imagine something new, personally or collectively? Where might God be offering you choices—big or small—that lead toward life and challenge that belief?

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Gracious one, we thank you for the opportunity to choose what is lifegiving for ourselves and for others in each new moment. This week, whenever we feel disheartened or resigned, give us the vision to see the choice for life that is before us. May we hold fast to you and know your ever-loving presence near to our hearts. Amen.

<p><b>Week 1: It's Not Too Late to Choose Life</b>  <b>Late to Choose Life</b>  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</p> <p><b>Week 2: It's Not Too Late to Listen to God</b>  <b>Late to Listen to God</b>  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</p> <p><b>Week 3: It's Not Too Late to Be Forgiven</b>  <b>Late to Be Forgiven</b>  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</p> <p><b>Week 4: It's Not Too Late to Take Ownership</b>  <b>Late to Take Ownership</b>  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</p>	<p><b>Week 4: It's Not Too Late to Take Ownership</b>  <b>Late to Take Ownership</b>  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</p> <p><b>Week 5: It's Not Too Late to Live Differently</b>  <b>Late to Live Differently</b>  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</p> <p><b>Week 6: It's Not Too Late to Stand Up and Stand Out</b>  <b>Late to Stand Up and Stand Out</b>  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</p>
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