



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

**Opening Prayer:** All-knowing God, before we come to this time of study and prayer, you know us. You know our hearts. You know our shortcomings. And you love us. May we sense your grace in this time and be moved by it to keep walking in the joyful obedience to which you call us. Amen.

**Starter Question:** Have you ever tried to establish a new habit? How did you do it? What were the challenges?

#### **Wrestling With the Word:**

**Read** Luke 19:1-10

1. Jesus goes to Zacchaeus' house before Zacchaeus says he's sorry or plans to change. Why do you think Jesus does that? Why might that matter for us?
2. Zacchaeus never says, "I'm sorry." How does the text show that real repentance has taken place?
3. Sometimes we think of salvation as mostly an individual spiritual experience. In what ways does this passage challenge or expand how we understand salvation?

#### **Next Steps:**

1. Can you recall a time when you felt truly seen and understood by God or another? How did that feel and/or in what ways did it impact you and your life?
2. Recall a time when you may have hurt someone or otherwise put distance between you and God. What are some of the factors that make it challenging to move from feeling regret/sorry to repairing the relationship or living differently? Consider what Paul says in Romans 7:15: "I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate." What might help us to persist in the *process* of repentance and repair?
3. Zacchaeus' repentance affected his whole community (as did his sin!). What are some of the ways our behaviors – both sinful and repentant/holy – have ripple effects on our communities? How might our church community become a place where people feel truly seen, and where new, changed living is supported?

**Closing Prayer:** God of grace, you call us by name—to come out of our hiding places of fear, shame, and guilt. You make yourself at home in us and free us for lives of freedom and relationship. Thank you! Wherever we are on that journey today, we are grateful. We receive your grace. We seek to respond to it with joy. 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

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

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