

Small Groups

Conversation Guide – Never Too Late

This week, Pastor Mark Pettus started the *At the Movies* series with a message titled “Never Too Late,” reminding us that even in our darkest moments, God is able to rescue and restore. He used the true story of deep-sea diver Chris Lemons to illustrate how quickly life can shift from feeling in control to feeling completely overwhelmed. Just like Chris, many of us face seasons where we feel isolated, discouraged, or underwater in the pressures of life. While storms reveal how little control we truly have, they also reveal how deeply we need God and each other. As it says, Psalm 91:14-15 NIV “They will call on me, and I will answer; I will be with them in trouble; I will deliver them.”

Through this message, we learned three powerful truths: remember your value in Christ, choose to yield to God, and allow Him to strengthen you in your weakness. God has not abandoned us—He stands at the door and knocks, ready to bring peace even before circumstances change. He encouraged us to reject the lies that say our situation or our life doesn’t matter and instead believe the truth of God’s love and intentional design. Finally, he reminded us that hope is found not in our effort, but in trusting that God is working even when we can’t see it. No matter what storm we are facing, with God, it is never too late for a rescue.

Make It Practical

- **Remember your value in Christ.** You are “fearfully and wonderfully made” (Psalm 139:13–14). Your situation matters to God because you matter to God. Let truth—not lies—define how you see yourself and your future.
- **Choose to yield to God.** Rescue begins when we stop trying to fix everything ourselves. Yielding means giving God the right of way—slowing down, releasing control, and inviting His strength into our weakness. 2 Corinthians 12:9–10 says, “My grace is sufficient for you... for when I am weak, then I am strong.”
- **Allow God to fill you with His strength.** Hope is found in placing our confidence in Him. As we do, God renews our strength and fills us with peace even before our situation changes. The Bible says in Isaiah 40:29-31 that “Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength...”.

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Talk About It

1. Which of the three truths—remembering your value, yielding to God, or receiving His strength—speaks most to you right now, and why?
2. What are some practical ways we can “yield” to God instead of trying to control everything ourselves?
3. Where in your life do you need God’s strength or peace today?
4. How can our group support and encourage each other when one of us feels overwhelmed or “underwater”?

Prayer

Thank you, God, that with You, it is never too late. Help us remember our value in Your eyes, to yield to Your strength instead of striving in our own, and to receive the hope and peace You freely offer. For every storm we face, meet us right where we are. Renew our strength, calm our anxious hearts, and lead us forward with Your power and Your presence. We place our hope in You today. Amen.

Tips

As we continue *At the Movies*, be intentional about inviting someone who may be searching for hope or walking through a difficult season. This series is one of the most impactful ways to help people experience Jesus in a relatable, life-changing way.