

GROWTH GROUPS QUESTIONS

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INTO THE WORD

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What are some of the ways God pursues Jonah in these chapters?

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INTO MY LIFE

Who is in your life that you'd struggle to tell "Repent"? Is this because you think they'd reject you or because they hurt you so bad you struggle with the concept of them deserving forgiveness?

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