

GROWTH GROUPS QUESTIONS

2 Corinthians 2:5-8

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Into the Text

What was most helpful or memorable from this sermon? Explain.

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What is the purpose of giving someone a punishment? What is the difference between punishment and discipline?

What was the harshest punishment you ever received from your parents?

“You ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow.” How are people overwhelmed when they aren’t forgiven and broken relationships aren’t restored?

Into My Life

Sometimes we want people to sympathize with us in our hurts. The truth is, sympathy can provide temporary relief, but nothing short of forgiveness can bring lasting release. Why are people content to wallow in self-pity when the release of forgiveness is available?

What indicators in your life might reveal you haven’t fully forgiven past hurts, even if you know in your head what you need to do?

How does our unwillingness to forgive make us victims? How does a “victim mentality” affect our ability to respond to circumstances?

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