

# Yours, Mine & Ours

## Hope for the Hurting (Week 3)

### LifeNotes

## TALK IT OVER

### Main Ideas

Father God is a home offering hope and help for all who are hurting.

### Key Scriptures

*Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach. This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that he was associating with such sinful people—even eating with them!*

Luke 15:1-2

*To illustrate the point further, Jesus told them this story: "A man had two sons..."* Luke 15:11

*So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him.* Luke 15:20

*The Lord you God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.*

Zephaniah 3:17 ESV

*Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.*

Proverbs 11:25 ESV

*But I will hope continually and will praise you yet more and more.* Psalm 71:14 ESV

*'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.*

Luke 15:22-24 ESV

### Lessons for hurting kids:

1. You are not alone.
2. You are loved.
3. Healing comes through helping.

### Lessons for hurting parents:

1. Hope has no expiration date.
2. Be ready to run.
3. Celebrate every victory.

### Start talking.

- In what ways have you seen home be a place of hurt and/or hopelessness?

### Start thinking.

- Luke 15:1-2. What type of people were most often drawn to Jesus? Why? Why was Jesus so drawn to them?
- How do the three stories in Luke 15 highlight the character of Father God?
- What are the recurring themes from each of the three stories?
- Read Luke 15:20. How is this verse a culmination of all three stories?
- Read Zephaniah 3:17. How does this verse fit with the father in the parable?
- Read Proverbs 11:25. How does helping others benefit the helper?
- Read Psalm 71:14. How did the father demonstrate hope?
- Read Luke 15:22-24. Why throw such a celebration?

### Start sharing.

- How does the parable of the lost son speak to you about God's character?
- How have you seen helping others lead to greater healing?
- How can a parent balance healthy boundaries with never giving up hope?
- How does God continue to pursue us in spite of ourselves?

### Start doing.

- What aspect of God's character will you choose to focus and believe in this week?
- Who will you help in their journey of healing?
- What will you celebrate in another this week?

### Closing prayer.

Father, thank you that you are with me! Thank you that you love me! Thank you that you never give up on me! And thank you that you bridge the distance into my life every time. Heal the hurts from my home and help me to move forward in hope.