

# bullseye

## **Bullseye - Week Four: Hostility: Sabotaging Home**

### **Connect**

*"If there is a reason to party, that's what you do: you party!"* Tell about a time you had a really, really good reason to throw a party. Whether you ever actually got a chance to throw that party or not, share about the circumstances and the joy of that moment that was worth celebrating.

### **Grow**

1. If you stepped back and tried to be objective, would you say you are in the party right now or not? If you're not, do you feel more like you're one of the religious leaders standing outside the party critiquing the celebration or are you more like one of the lost sheep on the outside looking in, wishing you could join in?
2. **Read Luke 15:25-28.** Think about a time you felt like the older brother. Or maybe it's right now. Do you ever feel like there are others being welcomed home by our Father that you think aren't doing enough, or pulling their own weight in God's family? Why or why not?
3. **Read Romans 5:6-8.** What is most amazing to you about the truth in this text? Pause and take a look through another lens: What's unfair about this scripture? What, if anything, is fair?
4. Did you answer yes to any of the ten questions Scott asked? You don't have to share with your group, but will you?
5. **Read Luke 15:30.** Have you ever accused God of being unfair in the same way the older brother accused his father? What were the circumstances surrounding that moment or season in your life? Looking back on that time, what occurs to you about the truth or untruth in the way you were thinking at the time?
6. Scott said, "Comparison will sabotage your freedom." Do you agree? Why or why not? If you agree, what can you do or decide today to make sure you stay away from playing the comparison game?

### **Pray**

Jesus came to set captives free. Including you and me. Pray and ask God to continue this work of freedom in your life. And thank Him for the evidence of the work He's doing or has already done.

### **Next**

If you're the younger brother in the story, come home today. If you're the older brother, you need to do the same. Remember, as Scott shared, "Jesus in his best moment became us in our worst moment. He died and rose to life so that we would no longer carry shame, regret, guilt, and sin. Life is ours, death has lost its sting. Our chains have been broken and we are free." This conversation about Freedom can continue from here. Join a Freedom Group - or bring Freedom material into your Southland Group! Want to take this journey further and learn more? Stop in at [southlandchristian.churchcenter.com/groups/southland-groups](http://southlandchristian.churchcenter.com/groups/southland-groups) and select the "Freedom" option from the list of Categories.