

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Read Romans 5:6-8

1. Paul highlights the fact that Christ died for us while we are still weak.

—Is it easier to accept God's love when you are in sin, or when you are actively following Him?

—Why is it hard to accept that Christ died for us in our weakness?

—How does the fact that God tangibly shows His love for us on the cross encourage us?

2. This also reminds us of the truth that we are justified, but not fully sanctified.

—Go back and read Romans 4:1-8, highlighting verse 5.

—Discuss how knowing God has justified the ungodly encourages us and calls us to live holy lives, even though we still struggle with sin.

3. Paul gives a great analogy in verses 7-8. Many people would not die for a good or righteous person, but Christ chooses to love and die for his enemies.

—Often times love is portrayed as a feeling, but how does this passage describe love?

—How does this truth call us to love others?

—Invite the group to reflect on specific groups of people that they have a hard time loving. Pray for those people and for God's love for us in the gospel to sink deep into our hearts.