

# Wednesday Night Youth Lesson

## Christ Died for the Ungodly

**Text:** Romans 5:6–11 (BSB)

**Big Idea:** Jesus did not die for good people trying hard—He died for helpless, sinful enemies, and His death brings real reconciliation with God.

### Lesson Flow (30 Minutes)

1. **Opening Illustration & Introduction** – 5 min
2. **Reading the Passage** – 4 min
3. **Passage Commentary** – 13 min
4. **Discussion Questions** – 6 min
5. **Closing Application & Gospel Call** – 2 min

### 1. Opening Illustration & Introduction (5 minutes)

**Illustration:**

Ask students:

- “Who would you be willing to sacrifice something for?”
- “Would you do that for someone who hates you?”

Explain:

Most of us help people we like—or people who deserve it. Romans 5 tells us something shocking: **Jesus died for people who were ungodly, sinful, and hostile toward God.**

Set the theme:

This passage destroys the idea that we earn God’s love.

### 2. Read the Passage (4 minutes)

Have students read **Romans 5:6–11 (BSB)** aloud.

Highlight key verses:

**Romans 5:6 (BSB)**

“For at just the right time, while we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.”

**Romans 5:8 (BSB)**

“But God proves His love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

### **3. Passage Commentary (13 minutes)**

#### **A. Our Condition: Powerless and Ungodly (v. 6)**

Explain:

- “Powerless” means unable to fix ourselves
- “Ungodly” means living without honoring God

Student-level clarity:

We were not spiritually sick—we were spiritually helpless.

Key truth:

Jesus didn’t wait for improvement. He acted when we were unable.

#### **B. Human Love vs. God’s Love (vv. 7–8)**

Explain:

- People might die for someone “good”
- Almost no one dies for someone bad

Contrast:

God’s love is different—He loved us **at our worst**, not our best.

Illustration:

Helping a friend who helps you back vs. rescuing someone who hates you.

Key point:

God’s love is proven by action, not feelings.

## C. Christ's Death Accomplished Something Real (v. 9)

Read carefully:

### Romans 5:9 (BSB)

“Since we have now been justified by His blood, how much more shall we be saved from wrath through Him!”

Explain:

- “Justified” means declared righteous
- God’s wrath is real and deserved
- Jesus’ blood satisfied God’s justice

Important clarity:

Jesus did not die just to show love—He died to save us from judgment.

## D. From Enemies to Reconciled (vv. 10–11)

Explain:

- We were **enemies of God**
- Through Christ’s death, we were **reconciled**
- Reconciliation means restored relationship

Illustration:

A broken friendship restored—not by ignoring the problem, but by dealing with it.

Key truth:

The cross changes our standing before God completely.

## 4. Discussion Questions (6 minutes)

Use as many as time allows:

1. Why is it hard to admit we are powerless before God?

2. How is God's love different from how people usually love?
3. What does it mean that we were once God's enemies?
4. Why is justification necessary, not optional?
5. How should knowing Christ died for sinners affect how we view ourselves and others?

Encourage honest, Scripture-anchored responses.

## **5. Closing Application & Gospel Call (2 minutes)**

### **Gospel Summary:**

Explain plainly:

Jesus died for the ungodly so that sinners could be justified, saved from wrath, and reconciled to God.

Make it personal:

- Christ didn't die for a future better version of you
- He died for you as a sinner
- Salvation comes through repentance and faith in Christ alone

### **Final Challenge:**

Ask:

- "Are you trusting in your goodness—or in Christ's sacrifice?"

Close with this truth:

The gospel is not that we are lovable—but that Christ loved us and died for us anyway.

### **Final Takeaway for Students:**

**Jesus died for the ungodly so that enemies of God could become children of God.**