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Unit 4 Preassessment

Common Beliefs about Suffering

Reflect on the statements below, and then complete the following tasks:

* Write an *A* next to each statement with which you agree.
* Write a *D* next to each statement with which you disagree.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 1. Suffering is necessary for personal growth.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2. God wants us to suffer so that we will learn how to be strong and resilient.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 3. God causes human suffering.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 4. God allows human suffering but does not directly cause it.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 5. Jesus had to suffer and die in order to free us from sin.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 6. Suffering always has a purpose.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 7. Everything happens for a reason.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 8. Admitting that you are suffering is a sign of weakness.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 9. Jesus is always with us when we suffer.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 10. Christians have an obligation to assist those who are suffering.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 11. Suffering brings us closer to God.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 12. Some, but not all, suffering is caused by human sinfulness.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 13. God’s justice is rooted in mercy.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 14. An “eye for an eye” means that although you should never throw the first punch,

it is morally legitimate to fight evil with evil to win the fight.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 15. Having people you can talk to somehow makes whatever you’re suffering through easier.

After you’ve responded to all the questions, complete the following additional tasks:

* Circle the one statement with which you *most strongly agree*.
* Place an *X* next to the one statement with which you *most strongly disagree*.