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Chapter 9 Quiz

Write the letter that corresponds to the best answer in the space provided.

- _____ 1. What does the Paschal Mystery reveal about suffering?
- a. Suffering has its origin in God, as part of the divine plan to cleanse us.
 - b. Suffering can play a role in our salvation.
 - c. Suffering is intended to test our faith.
 - d. Suffering is a punishment from God.
- _____ 2. What does Scripture teach us about the concept of divine retributive justice?
- a. It is an explanation for human suffering that might appeal to our sense of fairness and justice but is incorrect.
 - b. The Book of Job affirms the truth of the concept.
 - c. It clearly and accurately explains God's role in human suffering.
 - d. Its validity was questioned in the Old Testament but affirmed by Jesus in the parables.
- _____ 3. Which of the following statements best reflects the Book of Job?
- a. Job's friends speak the truth about God's role in suffering.
 - b. Job's sin was pride, which is why God allowed his suffering.
 - c. God affirmed Job's innocence and clarified that suffering is not a punishment for sin.
 - d. God explained the reason why we suffer through the fourth friend, Elohim.
- _____ 4. Which saint learned to follow Christ by "making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love"?
- a. Saint Teresa of Ávila
 - b. Saint Thérèse of Lisieux
 - c. Saint Damien of Molokai
 - d. Saint Francis of Assisi
- _____ 5. What does the phrase "offer it up to God" mean?
- a. It is the prayerful practice of negotiating with God to bring an end to suffering.
 - b. It is an invitation to give to charity.
 - c. That the path of Christian discipleship teaches us to ignore our burdens.
 - d. It suggests looking at life's struggles differently, using pain, discomfort, or worries as an opportunity for prayer.



- _____ 6. Why must questions like “Why did God allow this to happen?” be given special care?
- a. Questions like this only serve to weaken our faith and lead us on a path of doubt.
 - b. Questions like this demonstrate a lack of knowledge about Scripture, which clearly answers the question in the Book of Job and the parables of Jesus.
 - c. The struggle to understand can lead us to a closer relationship with God and one another.
 - d. It questions God’s divine providence.
- _____ 7. When responding to another person who is suffering, which of the following actions or words should be avoided?
- a. Sitting in silence.
 - b. Asking them to participate in normal, everyday activities.
 - c. Telling them “It’s part of God’s plan,” or “There’s a reason for everything.”
 - d. Leaving the person who is suffering alone if they want to be alone, then ask again later if they want to spend time together or talk.
- _____ 8. What was Saint Paul’s message about weakness?
- a. Since it is our weaknesses that help us turn to God for help, we should boast about our weaknesses.
 - b. Sometimes the only way to persevere through suffering is to boast about our strengths, proving to ourselves and others that we shall overcome.
 - c. Suffering is a sign of weakness and should be avoided so as to avoid bringing others down.
 - d. When someone criticizes your weakness, consider them your adversary.
- _____ 9. What is the relationship between suffering and sacrifice?
- a. Only grand, life-threatening endeavors that result in suffering are worthy sacrifices.
 - b. Following Christ’s example, we are called to make our own sacrifices for others, and through our suffering participate in Christ’s saving mission.
 - c. Suffering and self-sacrifice lead us on a path of destruction.
 - d. Personal sufferings and sacrifices are not supposed to be part of being a disciple.
- _____ 10. What does the Paschal Mystery teach us about people who willingly accept suffering?
- a. They have an unhealthy desire for pain and should seek reconciliation with God.
 - b. It takes a great deal of courage and strength.
 - c. They have a foolish and misguided notion of what Christian discipleship is about, which can be damaging to efforts to bring the message of Christ to others.
 - d. Since Christ died for us on the cross, willingly accepting suffering is no longer necessary.

