The Meaning of Healing

**1.** Have you, or has anyone close to you, ever experienced a serious illness? If so, describe this event and explain how you, your family, your friends, and others handled the situation.

**2.** What are some of the ways that illness changes our lives and relationships? (You may refer to the same event to explore this question if you wish.)

**3.** When you or someone close to you has experienced illness, have you felt the desire or need to pray for healing? Describe the manner in which you responded.

**4.** The vocation of medical doctors is to heal. How would you describe the relationship between God’s healing power and the competency of physicians to assist in healing illness?

**5.** Many people struggle with faith at times in which they face serious illness, chronic illness, disfigurement from accidents, and so on. Can you describe a way in which we can reconcile such traumatic experiences with belief in a loving God who wishes us to be healthy and whole?

**6.** How might Christ’s own patient endurance through his suffering and death offer consolation to the sick or injured?