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A Faithful Response to Illness

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.

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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 when they face serious illness, chronic illness, disfigurement from accidents, and so on. Can you describe a way 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 people who are sick or injured?

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