## Instructions and Items

During the past year, how often did you attend church, synagogue, or other religious activities?

- (1) Never
- (2) Several times a year
- (3) Once or twice per month
- (4) Once a week
- (5) Several times per week

## How important has religion been in your life?

- (1) Not at all important
- (2) Not too important
- (3) Somewhat important
- (4) Pretty important
- (5) Very important

I experience God's love and caring on a regular basis.

- (1) Not at all true
- (2) Not very true
- (3) Somewhat true
- (4) Pretty true
- (5) Completely true

I experience a close personal relationship to God.

- (1) Not at all true
- (2) Not very true
- (3) Somewhat true
- (4) Pretty true
- (5) Completely true

Religion helps me to deal with my problems.

- (1) Not at all true
- (2) Not very true
- (3) Somewhat true
- (4) Pretty true
- (5) Completely true

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