Night, Chapter 5

1. As the last day of the Jewish year comes, the prisoners wonder if it will be their last year alive. At this time, what one word describes Eliezer’s feelings toward God?

2. Give three reasons Eliezer has for not wanting to bless God.
   i.
   ii.
   iii.

3. Why does Eliezer’s father, Chlomo Wiesel, not want his son to fast during the holy day of Yom Kippur?

4. It is ironic that many prisoners feel they need to atone for their sins. Explain the irony.

5. What advice does the head of Eliezer’s block give to the men about how to act during selection?

6. When the SS doctors write down Chlomo Wiesel’s number, what does Eliezer’s father believe will happen to him?

7. When the prisoner Akiba Drumer finally says, “How can I believe, how could anyone believe, in this merciful God?” and loses his faith in God, what actually happens to him?

8. List three positive things Eliezer discovers about staying in the hospital.
   i.
   ii.
   iii.

9. There is a rumor that the Red Army is near the camp and will soon set the prisoners free as the Germans retreat. Eliezer calls the rumor, “an injection of morphine.” Explain why this quotation about the rumor is a metaphor.

10. Why does the sick man in the hospital tell Eliezer that he has more faith in Hitler than in anyone else?

11. All the prisoners in the whole camp are going to be evacuated (taken away) except the patients in the hospital. Which is better, to go with the other prisoners or to stay behind in the hospital? If you were there with Eliezer and his father, what would you tell them to do? Why?

12. Eliezer and his father made the wrong choice. How do we know it was wrong?

13. What is the ridiculous reason for cleaning out the entire prison blocks before leaving the camp?