Sociohistorical Analysis of Luke 10:25–37

Read Luke 10:25–37 silently. Write your responses to the following questions. It is fine to have more questions than answers.

**1.** Imagine you are looking out a window into the world of this scriptural text. Some of the areas you need to look at include

customs

traditions

religious practices

geography

culture

society and social norms

family life

**2.** What questions does this text raise about the areas listed above? Write down your questions or describe what you might know next to those items.

**3.** What social, historical, and cultural cues are found in the text that will help us to better understand the intent of the author and the meaning of the text?

**4.** What other background information might help us to better understand the text?

**5.** Using the insights gained from sociohistorical criticism, what do you think is the primary message being communicated in this text? What meaning does this text have for us today?