

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?

