

The Six Hats and the Good Samaritan

Six Hats	Example	My Questions/Responses
RED HAT <i>Emotional Reaction</i> What are prominent feelings about an idea or issue?	What would it have felt like for a faithful Jew to hear Jesus tell the story of the Good Samaritan? (Luke 10:29-37)	
YELLOW HAT <i>Positive Tracking</i> What are the positive aspects, strengths, advantages of the idea?	What are some of the likely reasons why the priest and the Levite avoided the wounded man?	
BLACK HAT <i>Identifying Concerns</i> What are the disadvantages or negative aspects of the issue?	What might have concerned the Samaritan as he assisted the wounded man?	
GREEN HAT <i>Creative Improvement</i> In what ways can the issue be made better?	How could this parable be re-written in order to have a full impact on a contemporary audience?	
WHITE HAT <i>Collecting Information</i> What are the facts? What information is needed to help understand the issue?	What was the context for this story in Luke's gospel? To what question is this parable told as a response? Who asked the question?	
BLUE HAT <i>Reflecting on the Process</i> What strategies used in reviewing this issue were the most effective?	What differences become apparent when viewing this parable from a range of perspectives?	