

## **Building Interfaith Community and Leadership: The Boston Seminar**

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### **Strategies for Reading a Case Study**

1. Read the case through several times
  - a. What is the case about? (Be sure you have a clear understanding of the details/facts of the case)
  - b. Describe the core dilemma
  - c. What is at stake in this situation? Who does it impact? Why does it matter?
2. Put yourself in the shoes of the protagonist
  - a. Read the case as if you were the main character.
  - b. What are your motives and values?
  - c. How do your religious beliefs impact your actions in this case?
  - d. What are your sources of authority?
  - e. Who do you consult when faced with this dilemma?
  - f. What decision-making process do you go through?
3. List all the stakeholders in the case
  - a. Who is explicitly mentioned? (Identify both individuals and groups)
  - b. Who is not 'present' in the story but mentioned or alluded to? (Identify both individuals and groups)
  - c. Imagine yourself in the shoes of these different characters and think about how your perspective on the situation might shift.
4. List the larger issues/themes that this case touches on
  - a. Describe the core religious/theological theme(s) relevant to this case.
  - b. What is the "interfaith" issue in this case?
  - c. What kind of background knowledge (civic, religious, theological etc.) do you need to understand this case?