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Luke
10:25-37

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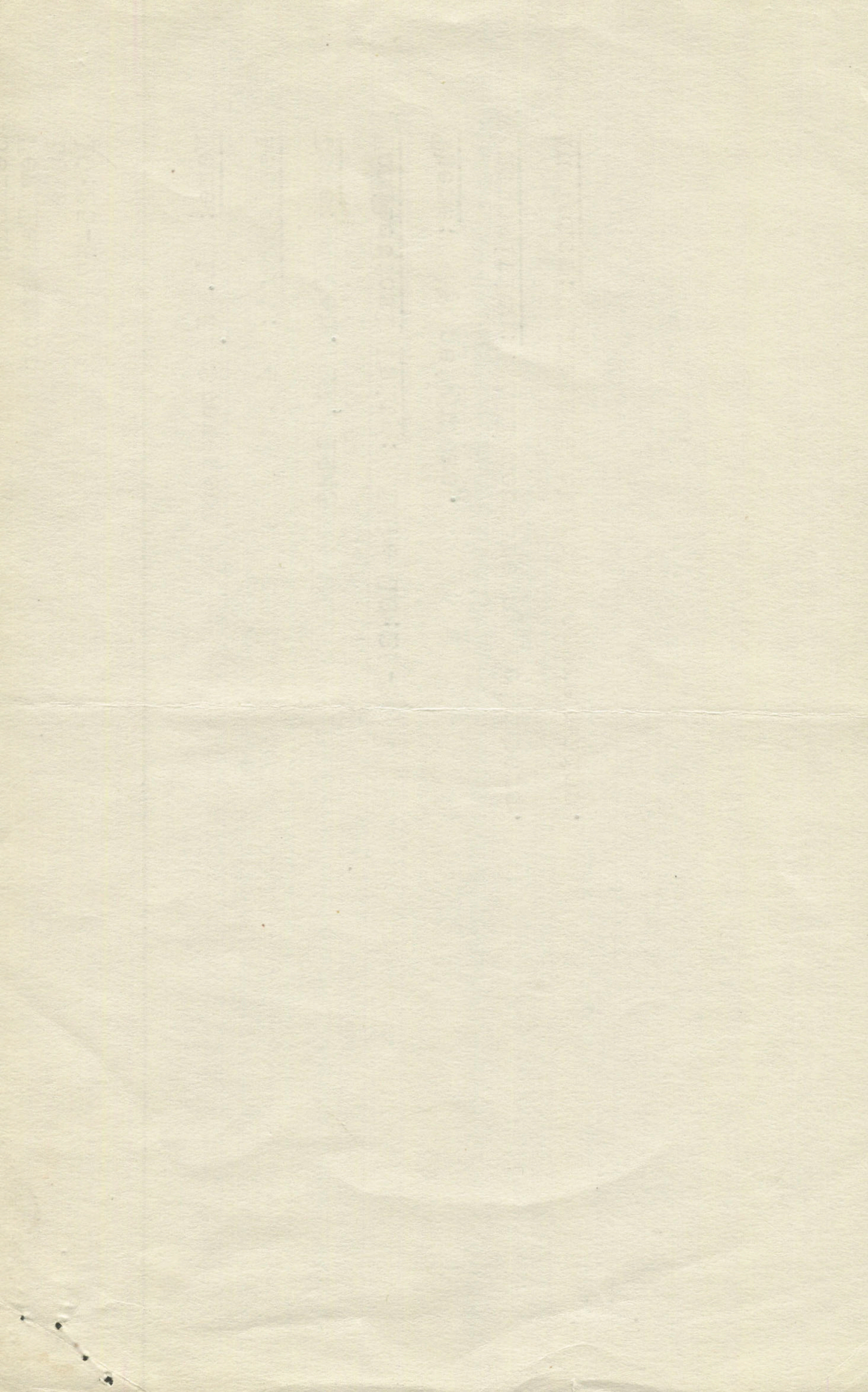
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Homiletical Unity: Luke 10:25-37

Theme: My neighbors..

Proposition: All men are my neighbors.

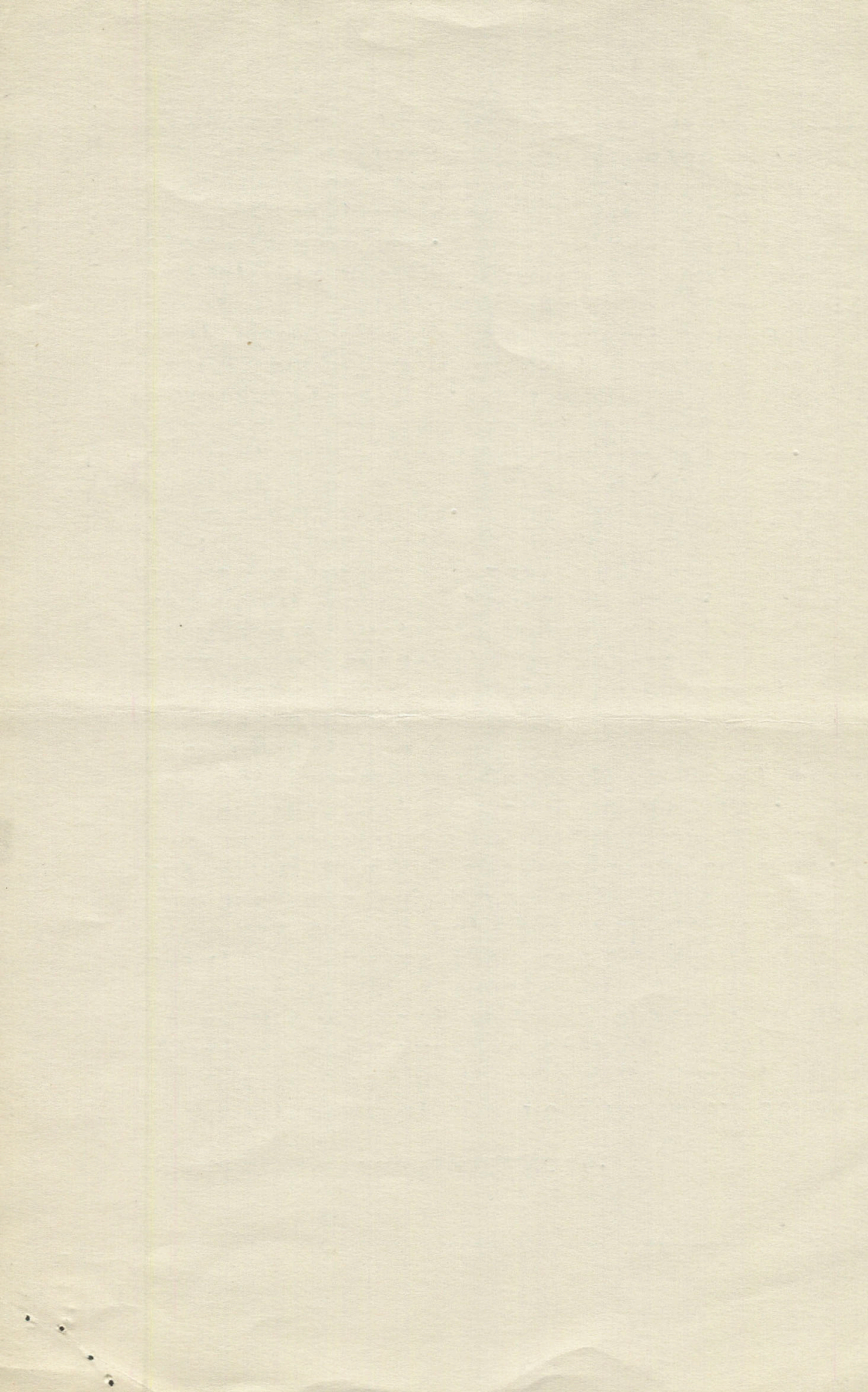
Audience: Average church congregation.



Scripture: Luke 10:25-37.

"And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? He said unto him, What is written in the Law? how readest thou? And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live. But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour? And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance a certain priest came down that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will

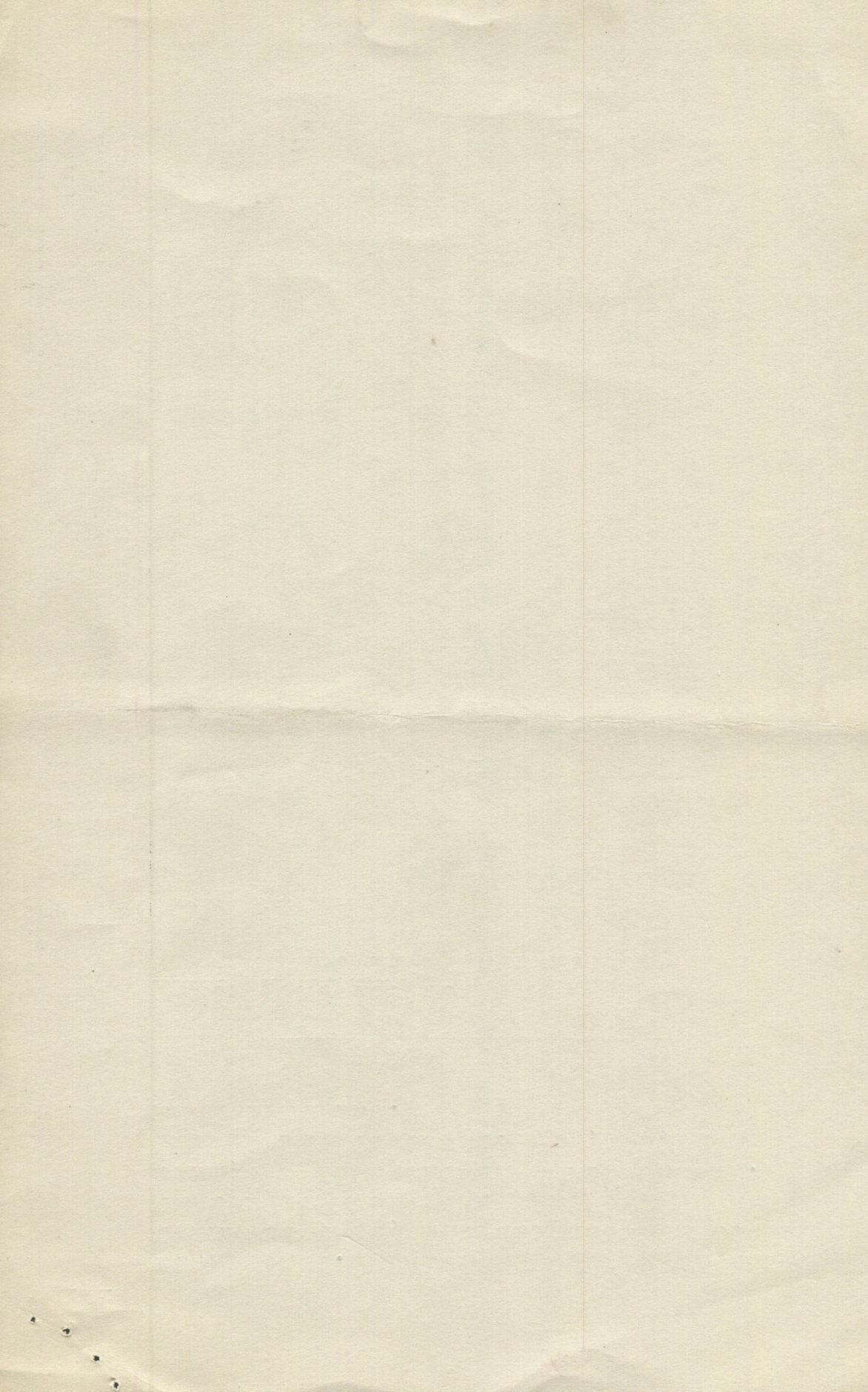
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repay thee. Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise."

Text: Luke 10:29b

"And who is my neighbour?"



*Neighborhoodness is the Key to
Eternal Life.*

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Introduction:

1. We all want to live eternally.

a. The lawyer in this parable was only expressing a human desire in asking what he must do to inherit eternal life.

b. We still are asking what we must do to inherit eternal life.

2. Even though we know the word-formula for earning eternal life we do not apply it.

a. The lawyer knew the important commandments.

b. He did not apply these commandments, as evidenced by his questioning.

c. To cover up his failure to apply these commandments he asked "who is my neighbor?" showing a spiritual failure to comprehend the great commandment of love.

d. Jesus answered his question with a specific illustration.

e. This illustration brought out a point the lawyer knew but did not want to recognize.

f. This truth still applies to us.

3. The truth brought out in this parable must be applied to earn eternal life.

a. Interest in eternal life evoked this question.

b. This truth was brought forth as requisite to eternal life.

c. The question, then, is "Who is my neighbor?"

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I. Those who are not my neighbors.

1. In the parable the unneighborly were:

- a. The robbers.) *anti-neighbors*
- b. The priest. } *indifferent*
- c. The Levite. } *"neighbors"*

2. Similarly, my neighbors are not those who:

- a. Take advantage of me.
 - (1) Actual robbery.
 - (2) Shady but legal business dealings.
 - (3) Slurring of name.
 - (4) Tempting at weak places.
- b. Do not have compassion in time of need.
 - (1) Do not sympathize.
 - (2) Do not help.

II. Those who are my neighbors.

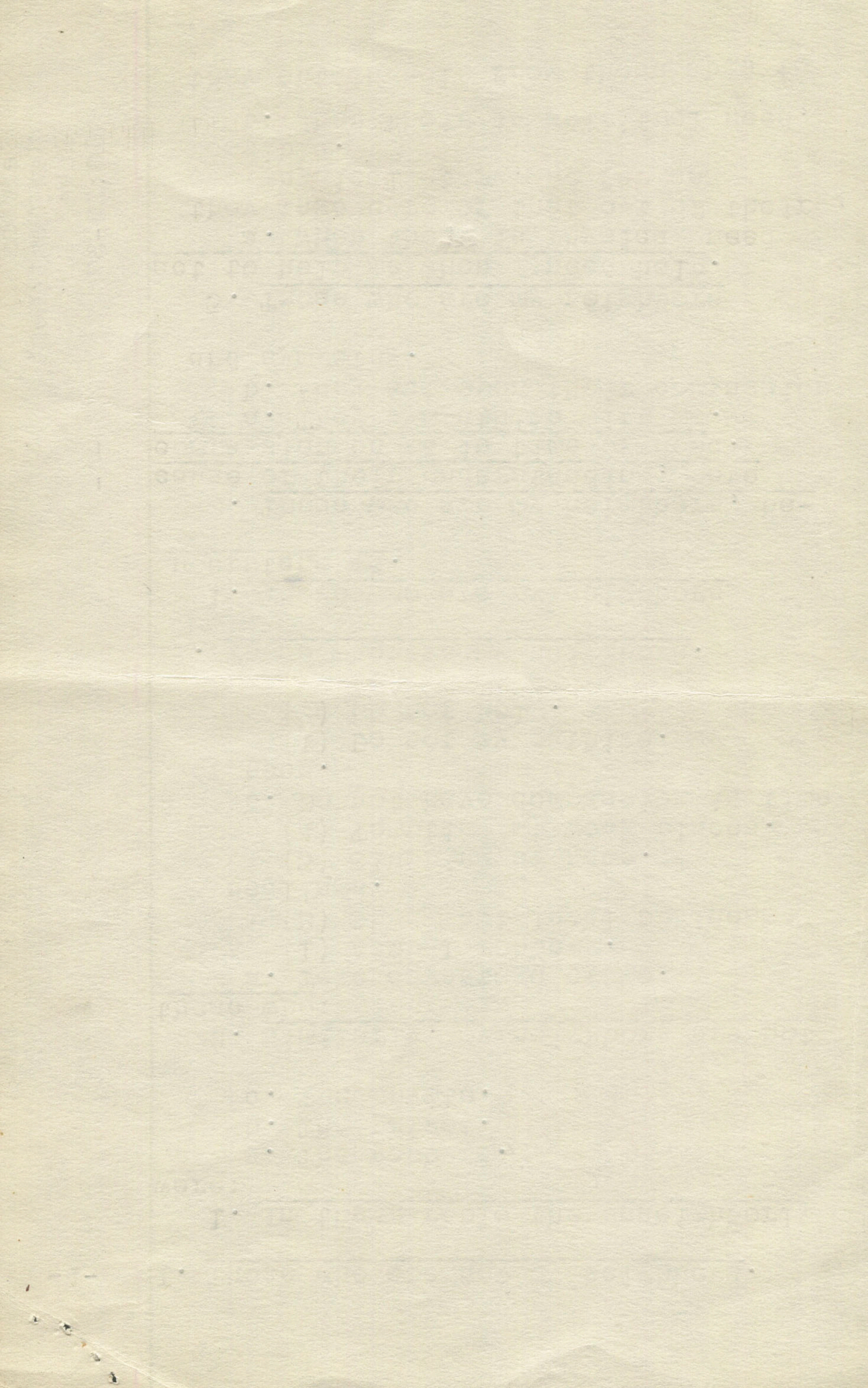
1. Those who are my neighbors understand me.

2. Those who are my neighbors, because of their understanding, have compassion on me in time of need.

- a. They sympathize with me.
- b. They act upon their compassion and sympathy.

3. Those who are my neighbors act to help me when I need help.

- a. When there is physical need they take care of that out of their own physical store, so far as possible.
- b. When there is spiritual need, they obtain help from those able to



give spiritual aid.

III. Practice of the "Golden Rule" can make me a neighbor to all men.

1. If we approach the idea of neighborliness from this standpoint, the question resolves into the question "To whom may I be a neighbor?" or "To whom may I be neighborly?"

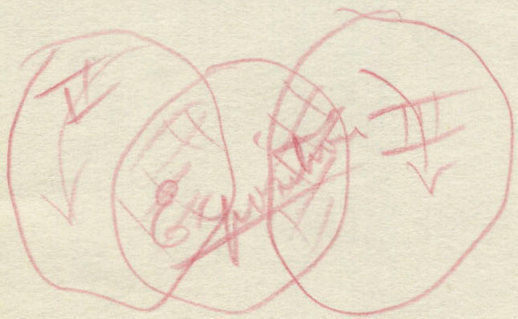
2. Already we've looked at the characteristics of those who are my neighbors; have observed how they treat me.

3. I can practice these characteristics toward anyone I choose. Thus I can be neighborly to all mankind.

4. If I regard myself as the neighbor of every man, I conversely tend to regard every man as my neighbor.

5. Then every man is my neighbor, for to me what I conceive as true is true, regardless of how it seems to others.

6. Every person can logically come to this conclusion who tries.



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