

“Starting the New Year Right”

Mark 12:28-34 (page 1005)

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5 Marks of God’s love:

(from Scot McNight, “The Jesus Creed”)

1. Love is _____

2. Love is _____

3. Love is _____

4. Love is _____

5. Love has _____

Our two-fold purpose:

1. To love _____

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2. To love _____

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Mark 12:31

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For Reflection/Group Discussion:

What would you say are popular definitions of love?

How does this compare to God’s love for us?

What difference would it make if you really believed God was “all in” in His love for you? What difference would it make in your life if you were “all in” in your love for God? What holds you back?

Why do you think Jesus made loving others an equal category with loving God?

How will you live into your two-fold purpose this year?

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