



## Small Group Questions:

June 20th, 2021 Pastor Ed Torres  
"Just As!"

### **"God's design: Two are better than one!" Small Group Questions:**

1. John 13:34 Jesus delivered the new command for the New Testament culture. What observations do you make?
2. Notice that Jesus didn't stop with the minimal phrase to "love one another." He recognized our natural tendency to take a difficult challenge and reduce it to an easier version. For this reason, he includes a qualifier: as I have loved you.
3. Consider some of the following passages. Describe what requirements are necessary in order to reach God's definition of true relationships.  
John 15:12-14  
Ephesians 5:1-2  
Colossians 3:12-13  
Philippians 2:1-4
4. Take note that all the passages you've just studied have one thing in common: When illustrating the kind of love we should cultivate and practice, they all use Christ's model as the measurable.  
For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son ...Romans 8:29a  
What has God predestined us to become?
5. This is God's "pre-destiny" – the destiny that has been preplanned and intended for us – to be transformed to be like Christ as fully as possible (the fullness of Christ).
6. In Ephesians 4, God reveals his plan when he launched the ekklesia (the army of local churches across the world). He gave leaders (v. 11) to prepare God's people (v. 12) so that we "will all reach unity ... and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ." (v. 13)
7. This is the end goal – God's pre-destiny for every believer in Christ to be transformed to be like Christ as fully as possible (the fullness of Christ). How does this all relate to love and relationships?