

**SERIES:** Dear Church  
**TITLE:** First Things First  
**SPEAKER:** Pastor Bob Marvel  
**PASSAGE:** 1 Cor. 1:2,10,12,13, 23, 25; Acts 18:24a, 24b-25, 26; Colossians 3:11; Hebrews 12:2  
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The logo for Small Groups, featuring four puzzle pieces in a 2x2 grid to the left of the text "SMALL GROUPS". The puzzle pieces are white with teal outlines, and the text is white on a teal background.

**SMALL  
GROUPS**

## MESSAGE TAKEAWAY

No one else but Christ

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Before Bob talked about it, had you realized the magnitude of believers' growth that occurred in the first 200 years after the resurrection? This all started with less than 200 believers. Does this encourage you when you think of and pray for Christian missionaries today? Specifically for missionaries like Brian and Melissa Richey, and Jason and Abby Torgeson, from Cornwall?
- Fun question. Are you the compliant driver who moves over at the "lane closed ahead" sign, or are you the driver who goes to the front of the line, and waits to merge in?
- Discuss *Unity vs. Uniformity* in your group. Are you dealing well with it? Are there social issues in society today that could challenge unity in our church?
- Bob mentioned Gordon Fee's statement that "*The divisions and quarrels were symptoms of a greater issue.*" What issue? What really was going on in Corinth Church and how did Apollos, Paul, Peter, and others fit into the arguments?
- One of the "non-negotiables" of Cornwall Church is "**The centrality of Christ**" – can you define what that means?

## CHALLENGE VERSE

"I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought." 1 Corinthians 1:10