

SERIES: From the Shadow of the Cross

TITLE: First, Last Words

SPEAKER: Pastor Bob Marvel

PASSAGE: I Cor. 1:18; 2 Cor. 2:5; Matt. 26:53,27:39-44; Luke 6:27-28,23:32-34; Mark 2:7; Isaiah 53:12; I John 3 :5; Acts 3:15,17,19;

Hebrews 7:25; Psalm 32:1

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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.

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MESSAGE TAKEAWAY

Jesus prayed and prays for us.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Have you ever experienced a meaningful “last words” conversation with someone who was about to die? How did it impact you?
- Why do you think Jesus remained silent as Isaiah 53:7 refers, “He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep, before its shearers are silent, so he did not open his mouth.”
- When you are reminded of the horrific torture, ridicule, and humiliation of Jesus on the cross, how does it change the way you view your life, your relationships, and your commitment to God?
- Think about a person(s) who has hurt you and whom it has been hard to forgive—given Jesus' prayer about forgiveness from the cross, what steps can you take to follow His example?
- How does knowing that Jesus prays for you even at your worst makes you feel?

NEXT STEPS: This week spend some time in reflection about the prayer Jesus prayed on forgiveness. Whom do you need to forgive this week? Is there any area in your life you need to repent and ask forgiveness?