

# Baseball Team Devotion-The Batboy

## Scripture Lesson: Matthew 20:20-28

Batboys are often unsung heroes. They do everything from pick up bats to run balls to the Home Plate Umpire. A good batboy is a servant, doing anything he can to make the game better for the players and coaches. Batboys love the game and being around the players. They are as much a part of the team as the superstar pitcher or hitter. They often times do their jobs without much fanfare and appreciation. They just love to serve. I will always remember when my son was the bat boy for the University of North Carolina. He loved the game and being with the team. It was a lot of work to do the job right. John was a servant, giving his best always for the players and coaches. His reward was the relationships he has even to this day with the former players and coaches. Batboys are servants who give their best to others. (you can insert here a story about a batboy or team manager you know)

In today's Scripture Lesson, the mother of James and John approaches Jesus. She asks for places of prominence for her two sons. When the other 10 disciples heard about this they became angry with James and John. Jesus used this as a teaching point with the 12. What James and John desired and also the other 10 was to be important, to experience true greatness. Jesus tells them that if they wanted to reach true greatness, then they had to become servants. Jesus told them true greatness is how one serves for He came to this world ,not to be served , but to serve. On the night before His own death, Jesus washed the disciples' feet, the job of the lowest servant in the household. He did so to model servant hood and to tell his closest friends what it would take to be considered great in God's eyes. When is the last time you served your teammates and coaches? True greatness is not found in a batting average or an ERA. True greatness is found in what we do for others. If you have a batboy, thank him today, play catch with him, spend a little time getting to know him. Serving the servant, now that brings a smile to the face of the Master. Let's be great today in His eyes by being a servant!

Visual aid: bat and ball to illustrate the batboy's job