

Baseball Team Devotion-The Single

Scripture Lesson: John 14:6

Did you know that the Major League record for singles in a season was set in 2004 by Ichiro Suzuki of the Seattle Mariners, when he hit an astounding 225 singles in his rookie season. There are many ways to get a single: a bunt single, how about an infield hit that the runner beats the throw to first, there is the bloop hit that falls between the infield and the outfield, there is also the ground ball that sneaks between the infielders, and finally the solid line drive that falls in front of the oncoming outfielder. There are a number of ways to get a single to get the runner to first. Many rallies in the game of baseball begin with a simple single. Can you think of the last time your team started a game winning rally with some kind of a single? That single got everyone started and helped set the stage for a comeback win.

Even though there are many ways to get a single, to be safe at first, there is only one way to be safe with God. Our Scripture lesson today is as plain as can be. There is only ONE WAY to be safe with God and that is through His Son Jesus Christ. Jesus said these words on the last night of His earthly life before his death on the cross. He is talking to His disciples and wants them to know that even though He is going to die, that through His death and resurrection that is the way to God. The only way to experience the life of blessings God has planned for you is to accept His Son as your Lord and Savior, to give your life to Him. Today are you safe with God? Do you know without a doubt that if you died tonight you would spend eternity with God in heaven? There is only one way to be safe, one way to be able to answer that eternal question with a yes, that is by the Lord Jesus Christ who says, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Are you safe with God? You know you can be and He is only a prayer away.

Visual aid: Take a stop watch and time a few of the players running to first (beating out an infield single). Give a prize to the winner.