

Baseball Team Devotion-Baseball and Faith

Scripture lesson: Acts 1:8

I have been blessed to work for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. I have had the honor of getting to know several baseball players who are Christians and willing to share their faith. Brian Roberts of the Orioles puts a bible verse on the bottom of his cap and signs his autograph with Proverbs 3:5-6. Matt Capps, who is the closer for the Minnesota Twins always prays before he throws a pitch to the batter. When Matt comes into a game, he completes his warm up pitches and gets the ball. Matt then steps off the back of the mound, takes off his cap, bows his head and prays. Matt does not pray to win or lose, but for God to get the glory for what he does on the field. Matt also gets water for the other members of the bullpen when they are warming up. He serves them by getting them water. Both Brian and Matt use the game of baseball to be a witness for God.

In today's Scripture lesson Luke tells us about the last words of Jesus before He ascended into heaven. Jesus called the disciples to be His witnesses where ever they are in life. Jesus calls us to do the very same thing today. We are to be a witness for Christ on the baseball field. We do that by the way we play and how we treat our coaches and team mates, opposition players and coaches, and the umpires. Wherever we are in life as a Christian, we must be a witness for Christ. Just like Brian Roberts and Matt Capps have found ways to share their faith on the field, each one of us should do the same. Maybe we can get water for team mates or put a Bible verse on the bottom of our caps. Let's all find a way we can be a witness for Christ every where every day as we live and as we play the great game of baseball.

Object lesson: Go on the FCA Baseball website (www.fcabaseball.org) and go to the video section where you will find videos from Brian Roberts, matt Capps, and the FCA Baseball ministry. Pick one and show it to the team.