

Bucket Talk – The Scouting Report

Bible Verse

Matthew 16:13-17 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven.

What is a Scouting Report and how do we use it?

You can look in most Major League Baseball dugouts and see large three ring binders. These hold the scouting reports on each of the opposing players for the team they are playing. These reports show everything from where a batter likes a pitch to where he is most likely to hit the ball. What the batting average is for every opposing hitter against your pitchers and visa versa is shown. These reports are thorough and give all the information possible about who the opposing player is and how to deal with him in order for your team to win.



In addition to the Major Leagues, scouting reports are now used in college, high school and high level travel ball as well. Teams know where to play and how to pitch certain hitters from opposing teams and what pitch their ace will throw in certain game situations. Scouting Reports have one purpose...to help you to win.

In the Scripture above, Jesus wanted to find out what His scouting report was. He wanted to know what people were saying about who He was. The disciples gave the answers, "some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets". Then Jesus asked the question He was really wanting the answer to. He asked Peter "Who do you say I am?" In other words, what is my scouting report in your eyes? Who am I really to you? Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." With that answer, Jesus knew Peter understood who He was. Peter was a winner. He saw first hand the miracles of Jesus. He saw Him heal the sick, cause the blind to see and saw Him walk on water.

He saw first hand the scouting report of Jesus being lived out before him daily. Peter was a winner because he believed.

What is YOUR Scouting Report?

What is your scouting report as a player, Where do you like the ball?

What is your scouting report with Jesus? Who do you say He is?

Are you living for Him? Are you a winner like Peter was in the game of life?

Jesus is still asking us today, 2,000 years later "Who do you say I am?"