

Bucket Talk – Being Great!

Lets talk about the word “Great”.

Week 8

We have all said the phrase “That’s Great!”

What is Great? (get examples from players)

Who is Great? (get examples from players)

Most of the time, people are great AT something, or want to try to be good AT something, right? (Baseball or softball as an example)

But is that what it truly means to be Great?

Here is what Jesus said about what it means to be great.

One day Jesus and his disciples (His students) were walking on the road to Jerusalem and Jesus was walking ahead of the pack. The disciples were arguing amongst each other about who was the greatest. You know, I am the greatest....no, I am the greatest.

Well, finally, James and John (2 of the disciples closest to Jesus) approached Jesus and asked him who He thought was the greatest.

Here is what Jesus said:

Whoever wants to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be a slave to all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life - a ransom for many. Mark 10:43-44



What does that mean? Well, the message that I get from that passage is that in order to be great, you must put your own needs and wants aside and do everything that you can to assist others in achieving their needs and wants. Greatness is measured by the impact that you make on other peoples lives!

If you TRULY want to be great, start basing your thoughts around one simple question.

How can I help you? NOT what can I do for ME?

So, how does this apply to your life in Baseball or Softball?

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others more important than yourselves. Each of you should not look at only your own interests, but also the interest of others.

Philippians 2:3-4

- After your teammate makes the last out in an inning, bring their hat & glove to them on the field...”Pick them up”
- A sacrifice bunt - when a player sacrifices their turn at bat to make an out in order to advance their teammate into scoring position.
- Playing a position the field that your coach tells you to play (for the betterment of the team) even if you don’t particularly enjoy playing that position.

**Remember - as a teammate, it’s about the team, not about you.
So, you want to be Great?Have a servant heart!**