

# Baseball Team Devotion-Scouting Report

Scripture: Matt. 16:13-20

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 for your team to win. Even in High School, now scouting reports come into play especially against conference foes. You know where to play a certain hitter from your rival school and what pitch their ace will throw you in certain game situations. Scouting Reports have only one purpose, to help you to win.

Jesus in our Scripture lesson 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 for, "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." Jesus knew Peter had gotten who he was and that kind of faith was what His church would be built upon. Peter was a winner. He saw first hand the miracles of Jesus. He saw Him heal the sick, cause the blind to see, he saw the storm stilled. He saw first hand the scouting report being lived out before him daily. Peter was a winner because he believed.

What is your scouting report as a player? Where do you like the ball, what pitch is your favorite to throw? 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? For 2,000 years later Jesus is still asking us today, "Who do you say I am?"

Visual aid-You can go on to [mlb.com](http://mlb.com) and type a player's name and get stats on everything from what he hits in day games to what he hits in certain counts. You could bring that printout to use.