

Over three months ago I was sitting in front of my computer working up the courage to email the Cal Poly Baseball Head Coach. I asked Coach Lee if myself and Jim (from the MAZE outreach) could speak to the team on a Wednesday before practice. Well, only a few days later the plans were set. Jim and I walked onto the fresh cut grass at Baggett Stadium and caused a spark on the team. Looking back, I believe that short 15 minutes with the team sparked a holy curiosity in many of the guys. Even though our time was short, Jim did a great job building credibility quickly and then challenging their perceptions on life. This whole year I have been praying for the opportunity to lead a consistent Bible study for any men's team at Cal Poly. That prayer and wish was answered this spring when I started leading a study for the baseball team.

Special Announcement →

The first night about 10 guys showed up and I was floored. I shared with them my journey of growing towards authentic faith in Christ after God took away my former identity - being in the athletic spotlight. Many of them shared that they grew up in church but never really discovered Christ themselves. **Pray that God reveals their need for security in Christ the unchanging rock instead of the shifting sands of baseball.**

To be honest, I can take no credit for the study happening. There are three guys on the team who were already leading the study and then asked for my help during the spring. Pray for David, Jimmy, and Matt as they continue learning what it means to live out and share their faith on the team. *Pray that God's Spirit works deeply on each guy's heart, and for opportunities to share the gospel with the rest of the team in relevant and compelling ways.* Thanks for partnering with me to do this ministry!

Laboring with you,



Left: David (L) and Jimmy (R) are sophomores on the team

Right: Baseball team Bible study; I'm on the far right



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I'll be in Clemson and Columbia for a few weeks in June. I hope to connect with some of you while there! My phone number is below.

"PRAYER IS THE GREATER WORK."

- rest and good time with Jesus in the coming weeks
- wisdom in seeking out potential seminary programs
- prepare well for El Salvador summer project
- time with family this summer to be refreshing

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