

## **Preach Off Series Vision Doc-February 12th-13th**

**Preach Off Focus:** To help people see that God's Word and spending time at church is fun

**Preach Off Feel:** Fun preaching competition with Super Bowl weekend as backdrop

**Why are we doing Preach Off?** Preach Off weekend is now the 3rd most highly attended weekend of our year (after Christmas and Easter). It provides an opportunity to show that understanding God's Word and church can be fun. Historically Super Bowl weekends were marked by attendance decline and lower overall engagement, but not anymore. This dynamic, fun event of competitive preaching has made that weekend just the opposite. Key elements of Preach Off include: on-the-spot teaching, football-esque roles like announcers and a ref, promos leveraged as "commercial breaks", guests determine the winners through voting, and lobbies decked out like a tailgate with food provided.

**Invite Pitch:** When someone says church to you, what's the first word that comes to mind? I'm guessing fun isn't it, but it's just the reason to join us for our 3rd Annual Preach Off Weekend! Competitive preaching and nachos at 9 AM? Laughter and fun while wearing your favorite football team's jersey? Yep - that's church, and at the Preach off we laugh and learn together. Invite your family and friends, come ready to determine the preaching winner and we'll see you at Preach Off 2022!

**Shorter Pitch:** Didn't think church could be fun? Didn't think preaching could be competitive? We'd like to prove you wrong. Invite your family and friends to Preach Off 2022! Wear your team's jersey, don't miss the tailgate in our lobby, and warm up your voting fingers to determine the preaching winner!

**Scriptural Basis:** While we take teaching the Scriptures seriously, we also believe we can't take ourselves too seriously. The heart of Preach Off is to show how the Scriptures are meant to teach us and to bring joy. We want to laugh at ourselves together as a church and help people see that it's not about being perfect, it's about our hearts for him. We deeply respect and love the Scriptures and we're inspired by verses like:

Romans 15:4, "Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us. And the Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled."

Psalm 19:8 "The commandments of the Lord are right,  
bringing joy to the heart.  
The commands of the Lord are clear,  
giving insight for living."

Micah 6:8 (NLT)

"No, O people, the Lord has told you what is good,  
and this is what he requires of you:  
to do what is right, to love mercy,  
and to walk humbly with your God."

Micah 6:8 (MSG)

“But he’s already made it plain how to live, what to do, what GOD is looking for in men and women. It’s quite simple: Do what is fair and just to your neighbor, be compassionate and loyal in your love, And don’t take yourself too seriously— take God seriously.”

**Series Goals:**

**What next steps will we ask people to take?**

- Attend Preach Off.
- Attend the next series.

**How will we measure this?**

Attendance for Preach Off

Attendance increase into next series

**FAQ:**

*How will Preach Off work for the 1:00 services at FN and ST?*