

# Work with Purpose Sermon Competition: Preparation

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## Key Dates:

- Registration opens August 1, 2017
- Registration closes September 1, 2017
- Sermons must be delivered between September 1 and December 31, 2017
- Preaching report submissions due no later than January 31, 2018
- Grand prizes awarded on or before February 28, 2018

**Sermon Guidelines:** The sermon or teaching must be delivered in an actual church setting, but not necessarily from a Sunday morning pulpit. It can be delivered to a group of people (weekly service, house church, special gathering, etc.) to whom the pastor plays a pastoral or teaching role. The sermon must also have a clear intent to inspire, encourage, or empower the listener toward a clearer vision of faith, work, and economics. The sermon should also be no longer than approximately 20 minutes in length. See the [judging rubric](#) for additional guidelines.

## Suggested Preparation Resources:

- [Oikonomia Network's Economic Wisdom Project](#)
- [Work with Purpose's Booklet: Biblical and Theological Perspectives on Work](#) (preview)
- [Theology of Work Project Resource Archive](#)

## Preaching Report Requirements:

- Video of complete sermon
- Sermon notes or outline
- PowerPoint slides (if applicable)
- Minimum of 3 completed congregant evaluations (see below)
- Written report of pastor experience that includes response to congregant evaluations

These items are due *no later than* January 31, 2018. All submitted artifacts will be shared with partners in Work with Purpose Initiative's network (including the Kern Family Foundation) at the discretion of Work with Purpose staff.

## Congregant Evaluations:

Download and distribute the [Sermon Competition Congregant Evaluation](#) to listeners. A minimum of 3 completed forms must be included in the Preaching Report.

## Preaching Report Submission Tips:

Videos must be recorded in file formats supported by YouTube. [View list of supported formats.](#) Video files will be submitted to Work with Purpose via a Dropbox account. All other items can be emailed to Work with Purpose at [work-with-purpose@bethel.edu](mailto:work-with-purpose@bethel.edu).

