

## Platform Speakers at Nashville

### Lisa Harper

A master storyteller and sought-after Bible teacher and author is known for her authenticity, Lisa Harper's writing and speaking overflow with colorful pop culture references that connect the dots between the Bible and modern life. She combines sound scriptural exposition with relatable anecdotes and comedic wit. Lisa is a mother to Missy, who she adopted from Haiti.

### Jackie Hill Perry

Author of *Gay Girl Good God*, Jackie Hill Perry shares her own story, offering practical tools that helped her in the process of finding wholeness. Jackie grew up fatherless and experienced gender confusion. She embraced masculinity and homosexuality with every fiber of her being. She knew that Christians had a lot to say about all of the above. But was she supposed to change herself? How was she supposed to stop loving women, when homosexuality felt more natural to her than heterosexuality ever could? At age nineteen, Jackie came face-to-face with what it meant to be made new. And not in a church, or through contact with Christians. God broke in and turned her heart toward Him right in her own bedroom in the light of His gospel.

### Kelly Minter

Kelly is passionate about teaching the Bible, and believes it permeates all of life. She has found personal healing and steadfast hope in the pages of Scripture. When she is not singing, writing, or speaking, you can find her picking homegrown vegetables, enjoying her six nieces and nephews or riding a boat down the Amazon River with Justice & Mercy International. A Southern transplant, she delights in neighborhood walks, watching college football, and a diner mug of good coffee with her closest friends. Her most recent books are Bible Study *Finding God Faithful* and *A Place At the Table* Cookbook.

### Ruth Chou Simons

Ruth is an entrepreneur, and speaker, and bestselling author of *Beholding and Becoming* and *GraceLaced*. She shares her journey of God's grace intersecting daily life with word and paintbrush through an online shoppe at [GraceLaced.com](http://GraceLaced.com) and her Instagram community of more than a hundred thousand. Ruth and her husband, Troy, are grateful parents to six boys—their greatest adventure.

### Jamie Ivey

Jamie Ivey believes we are all on this journey of life together and we need each other to get to the end. Through her podcast, *The Happy Hour with Jamie Ivey*, and blog, she takes a raw and intimate approach to her speaking and writing. Jamie's prayer and hope is for God to use her words to encourage and show others that they are not alone, while constantly pointing them to Jesus. She is mother to four kids and wife to Aaron. Jamie loves reading, date nights, Mexican food, and traveling the world with her family.

### Kristi McLelland

Kristi is a speaker, teacher, and college professor. Since completing her Masters in Christian Education at Dallas Theological Seminary, she has dedicated her life to teaching people how to study the Bible for themselves through a Middle Eastern lens. Her great desire for people to truly experience the love of God has led her to guide biblical study trips to Israel, Turkey, Greece, and Italy. To learn more about Kristi's upcoming trips, speaking, and more, visit [newlensbiblicalstudies.com](http://newlensbiblicalstudies.com).

### Angie Smith, Emcee

Angie Smith is a popular speaker, best-selling author, and blogger. Her greatest passion is to make the Bible feel accessible and relevant by sharing her ups and downs along the way as she encourages others in their faith. She lives with her husband and daughters in Nashville, Tennessee.

### Point Of Grace, Special Guests

The women of Point Of Grace have provided a soundtrack to our lives for over two decades. With faith-filled and passionate lyrics, their memorable melodies and soaring harmonies have inspired generations to live boldly and keep God's love as the foundation of their lives. With over 8 million recordings sold, 3 GRAMMY® nominations, multiple Dove awards, and countless accolades—the story of a few gifted college girls with a simple passion to unite and share their musical gifts for the glory of God continues to evolve and engage thousands of fans, both old and new.

### Austin Stone, Worship

The Austin Stone church band (simply called Austin Stone Worship) is a collective of Christian worship leaders, musicians, songwriters, and artists based out of Austin, Texas. Co-founded in 2002 by praise & worship singer Chris Tomlin, the group promotes the use of their faith to inspire creativity. Their first release, *2011's Austin Stone Live*, was followed by a compilation of Christmas favorites, *A Day of Glory*, in 2012. 2013 saw the release of three works: *The Reveille. Vol. 1*, a collection of instrumentals for "study and reflection"; *The Cradle & the Cross*, centered on Advent; and straightforward worship songs on King of Love. A second Reveille volume was released the year after. In 2015, the group released a live album, *This Glorious Grace*, which was recorded during one of their monthly Worship Collective sessions. The studio effort, *Everflow*, followed in 2017.