

Women's Forum 2021 Platform Speaker Bios

Kelly Minter

Kelly Minter is passionate about teaching the Bible, and she believes it permeates all of life. She's found personal healing and steadfast hope in the pages of Scripture. When she's 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, Kelly delights in neighborhood walks, watching college football, and a diner mug of good coffee with her closest friends.

Kelly's love for the Word of God led her to create Cultivate, an event centered around Scripture, worship, prayer, and missions. This gospel-centered, approachable event invites women of all ages to dig deeply into God's Word and encounter Him afresh. Kelly's love for the Word of God also led her to write in-depth Bible studies like the one you hold in your hands. Those Bible studies include, *Ruth: Loss, Love & Legacy*; *Nehemiah: A Heart That Can Break*; *What Love Is: The Letters of 1, 2, 3 John*; *All Things New: A Study on 2 Corinthians*; and *No Other Gods: The Unrivaled Pursuit of Christ*. Kelly's music includes Hymns & Hallelujahs, which accompanies her All Things New Bible study.

Wherever the River Runs: How a Forgotten People Renewed My Hope in the Gospel is Kelly's first memoir about her life-changing journeys to the Amazon jungle with Justice & Mercy International (JMI). Kelly partners with JMI, an organization that cares for the vulnerable and forgotten in the Amazon and Moldova. To view more about Kelly's studies, books, music, and Cultivate events, visit www.kellyminter.com.

Kristi McLelland

Kristi McLelland is a speaker, teacher, and college professor. Since completing her Masters of Arts in Christian Education at Dallas Theological Seminary, she has dedicated her life to discipleship, to teaching people how to study the Bible for themselves, and to writing about how God is better than we ever knew by explaining the Bible through a Middle Eastern lens. Her great desire for people to truly experience the love of God birthed a ministry in which she leads biblical study trips to Israel, Turkey, Greece, and Italy. For more information about Kristi and what she's up to, visit: NewLensBiblicalStudies.com.

Kelly D. King

Kelly D. King is the Manager of Magazines/Devotional Publishing and Women's Ministry Training for LifeWay Christian Resources. She is the author of *Ministry to Women: The Essential Guide to Leading Women in the Local Church* and the Bible study *Living By Faith: Women Who*

Trusted God. She has also contributed to Lifeway's Advent and Easter studies and is the co-host of Lifeway Women's Marked podcast. Prior to coming to Lifeway, she served as the Women's Missions and Ministries Specialist for Oklahoma Baptists and taught women's ministry courses at Oklahoma Baptist University. She holds a Master of Theology degree from Gateway Seminary in Ontario, CA and is currently pursuing her Doctorate in Ministry degree.

Carey Nieuwhof

Carey Nieuwhof is a former lawyer and founding pastor of Connexus Church. He's the author of several best-selling books, including his latest, *Didn't See It Coming: Overcoming the Seven Greatest Challenges That No One Expects But Everyone Experiences*. He holds degrees in law, theology and history.

Carey speaks to leaders around the world about leadership, change and personal growth. He writes one of today's most widely read Christian leadership blogs at www.CareyNieuwhof.com and hosts the top-rated Carey Nieuwhof Leadership Podcast where he interviews some of today's best leaders. His content is accessed over a million times a month by leaders.

Carey's previous books include *Lasting Impact: 7 Powerful Conversations That Will Help Your Church Grow*, *Leading Change Without Losing It* and *Parenting Beyond Your Capacity*, co-authored with Reggie Joiner.

He is passionate about helping people thrive in life and leadership, both personally and within their organizations. He and his wife Toni live north of Toronto, Ontario and have two grown sons. In his spare time, you'll catch him barbecuing on his Big Green Egg, cycling or boating.

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Elizabeth Woodson

Elizabeth Woodson is a bible teacher, writer, and speaker, who is passionate about communicating the rich theological truths of Scripture. She loves helping people internalize their faith and connect it practically to everyday life. Elizabeth works as the Institute Classes and Curriculum Director at The Village Church in Flower Mound, Texas where she teaches classes on the Bible, theology, and spiritual formation. Elizabeth is a graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary with a Masters in Christian Education and a cohost of the podcast Culture Matters.

Tara-Leigh Cobble

Tara-Leigh Cobble's zeal for biblical literacy led her to create D-Group (Discipleship Group), which has grown into an international network of three hundred-plus Bible studies that meet every week in homes, churches, and online. She also writes and hosts a daily radio show called *The God Shot*, as well as a daily podcast called *The Bible Recap* which unpacks the richness of Scripture alongside the chronological one-year reading plan. In just over two years, the podcast garnered seventy million downloads and reached number three on the Apple Podcast top overall charts. More than twenty thousand churches around the world have joined their reading plan to know and love God better. Her book, *The Bible Recap*, a 365-day guide to reading through the Bible, aims to help people not only read and understand Scripture but *love* it too!

Lauren Chandler

Lauren Chandler is a wife and mother of three. Her husband, Matt Chandler, serves as the lead teaching pastor at The Village Church in Flower Mound, Texas. Lauren is passionate about writing, music, and leading worship, not only at The Village Church, but also for groups across the country. She is the author of the recently released Bible Study, *With Us in the Wilderness: A Study of the Book of Numbers*, *Steadfast Love: The Response of God to the Cries of our Heart*, the Bible study, *Steadfast Love: A Study of Psalm 107*, and the recently released children's book, *Goodbye to Goodbyes: A True Story about Jesus, Lazarus, and an Empty Tomb*.