

## Platform Speakers

### Lysa TerKeurst

Lysa TerKeurst is passionate about God's Word. She spends hours each week studying with theological experts and has studied extensively in the Holy Land. She loves to make connections between the Old and New Testaments. Her deepest desire is to help others experience Jesus by unpacking Scripture in the most true and responsible ways that everyone can understand. Lysa is the president of Proverbs 31 Ministries and a #1 New York Times best-selling author of *It's Not Supposed to Be This Way*, *Uninvited*, and twenty-one other books. But to those who know her best she's just a simple girl who holds fast to God's truth and speaks about hope in the midst of her own struggles. Lysa lives with her family in Charlotte, North Carolina.

### 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.

### Jen Wilkin

Jen Wilkin is an author and Bible teacher from Dallas, Texas. She has organized and led studies for women in home, church, and parachurch contexts. Her passion is to see others become articulate and committed followers of Christ, with a clear understanding of why they believe what they believe, grounded in the Word of God. Jen is the author of *Women of the Word: How to Study the Bible with Both Our Hearts and Our Minds*, *None Like Him: 10 Ways God Is Different From Us (and Why That's a Good Thing)*, *In His Image: 10 Ways God Calls Us to Reflect His Character*, *Better Bible study*, *God of Creation Bible study*, *God of Covenant Bible study*, *Sermon on the Mount Bible study*, and *1 Peter: A Living Hope in Christ Bible study*.

### Kelly Minter

Kelly Minter 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*.

### Jennifer Rothschild

Known for her substance and a down-to-earth teaching style, Jennifer Rothschild weaves together colorful illustrations, universal principles, and music to help audiences find contentment, walk with endurance, and celebrate the ordinary. With wit and poignant storytelling, Jennifer shares challenges in her life, encouraging women to look beyond their circumstances.

### 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.

### 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.