



## Tuesday Study, 9 am-11 am:

### ON BENDED KNEE: PRAYING LIKE PROPHETS, WARRIORS, AND KINGS, BY CRICKETT KEETH

#### ***Want More From Your Prayer Life?***

If you're dissatisfied in your prayer life, wanting to be more consistent in prayer, or looking to deepen your intimacy with God, then this 8-week Bible study was written for you. It examines the prayers of eight biblical characters and teaches you how to pray like the prayer warriors who went before you. You'll study:

- Jesus: A Model Prayer
- Paul: A Prayer of Intercession
- Job: A Prayer of Despair
- Hannah: A Prayer of Longing
- David: A Prayer of Lament
- Asa: A Prayer of Seeking God
- Jehoshaphat: A Prayer of Dependence
- Nehemiah: A Prayer of Boldness

Follow in the footsteps of these spiritual giants and discover anew what our loving God does with a little faith and a whole lot of prayer. You'll love studying these scriptural prayers, like the prayer of Asa: *Then Asa called to the Lord his God and said, "Lord, there is no one besides You to help in the battle between the powerful and those who have no strength; so help us, O Lord our God, for we trust in You, and in Your name have come against this multitude. O Lord, You are our God; let not man prevail against You."* (2 Chron. 14:11)

Praise for *On Bended Knee*

- If you long for a more effective prayer life, this study is for you. *On Bended Knee* will guide you through the prayers of biblical prophets, warriors, and kings—and you'll learn the secrets of talking to God, seeking His wisdom, and getting results! This study is filled with profound teaching, thought-provoking questions, and action steps that produce positive change. Crickett Keeth's teaching will capture your heart and lead you into an intimate relationship with God. Gather a group of friends and take your prayer life to a deeper level. *Carol Kent, speaker and author, He Holds My Hand: Experiencing God's Presence and Protection*
- Crickett Keeth is a passionate guide as she leads you to study some of the most meaningful and heartfelt prayers found in Scripture. Her thought-provoking questions encourage you to look upward, deeper, and reflectively on the prayers of prophets, warriors, and kings. *On Bended Knee* will bless and challenge you to bend your knee in a fresh way. *Cynthia Heald, author of the Becoming a Woman Bible study series and Drawing Near to the Heart of God*

- I'm so thankful for this much needed study on prayer. Crickett has done a beautiful job parsing the many facets of prayer and laying the pieces in front of us so we can better understand and apply this most intimate part of our relationship with Christ. Dividing the study into heartfelt prayer themes, such as intercession, longing, lament, boldness, and more gives us starting points since prayer can often be overwhelming. You'll also love studying the prayers of men and women in Scripture from whom we get our greatest prayer examples. If you're looking to deepen your prayer life, pick up this study and gather a group of friends together! *Kelly Minter, Bible teacher and author of No Other Gods and Wherever the River Runs*
- Crickett Keeth is a woman of prayer, and this study is a beautiful guide for those wanting to be people who pray. She humbly leads the way with her knees bent and eyes fixed on Jesus. *Ellie Holcomb, Dove Award winning singer/songwriter*
- On Bended Knee is an inspiring study that not only increased my knowledge of prayer, but more importantly, moved my heart as it convicted me to examine my own prayer life and see what needs to be changed. It is the perfect blend of thought-provoking questions, challenging quotes, and the author's honest and transparent reflections that I found myself relating to again and again. What a refreshing study of what prayer should look like! *Rachel Pruett, Women's Ministry Director at Denton Bible Church, Denton, TX*
- Most Christians find it difficult to pray at times. Even the most practiced do. I don't need a designer approach for staying on my knees. I need biblical conditioning and encouragement. On Bended Knee is a godsend that keeps sending us back to God in prayer. *Cole Huffman, Senior Pastor at First Evangelical Church, Memphis, TN*

## Thursday Study, 1:30-3 pm

### WHAT IF JESUS WAS SERIOUS?: A VISUAL GUIDE TO THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS WE LOVE TO IGNORE, SKYE JETHANI

#### Daily Devotions for People Who Hate Daily Devotions

Let's face it. A lot of Christian resources can feel cheesy, out-of-touch, and a little boring. But when Skye Jethani started doodling and writing up some of his thoughts about God, his Twitter and email list blew up. *What If Jesus Was Serious?* is a compilation of all-new reflections (and hand-drawn doodles) from Skye. He takes a look at some of Jesus' most demanding teachings in the Sermon on the Mount and pushes us to ask whether we're really hearing what Christ is saying. The visual component of the book makes it memorable and enjoyable to read, and Skye's incisive reflections make it worthwhile for any Christian. If you've traditionally been dissatisfied with Christian devotional resources but love to learn about Jesus and think deeply, this book was written for you.

#### Praise for *What If Jesus Was Serious?*

- When Jesus is listened to, really listened to, His words always come to life because they are living words. They have life and they give life. Skye has really listened to them and has responded with this life-giving book. Like Jesus' words, it is surprising and shocking and frustrating and alive in its own way. —**Michael Card**, *Faith-based musician, author, and teacher*
- I found it hard to read more than 3–4 pages without stopping, as it forced me to strongly consider what God was saying to me, through this fresh look at Jesus' words in His most famous sermon. For many of us, the Sermon on the Mount has become too familiar for our own good. We've neutered it by this familiarity, and often miss the way it was designed to bring us to our knees. I'm going to be reading this for years to come. Skye remains a gift to the church, and a prophetic voice that we desperately need for these challenging times! —**Kevin Palau**, *President of the Luis Palau Association*
- *What if Jesus Was Serious?* is a stellar step forward in Skye Jethani's mission to help us all consider the reality of God's kingdom and Jesus' outstanding invitation to us to live life with Him. Full of whimsy that only makes Skye's insights hit harder, this is a book I'd recommend to anyone who is

tired of religious games and wants to truly consider who Jesus is and what He might be saying to us today. —**Michael Wear** Author of *Reclaiming Hope: Lessons Learned in the Obama White House about the Future of Faith in America*

- This book is exactly what I've been looking for: a deep dive into Jesus' most powerful teachings merged with Skye's provocative insights and application to life and culture today. —**Kara Powell**, Executive Director of the Fuller Youth Institute and coauthor of *Growing Young and Growing With*
- Skye Jethani always makes you think with his fresh but faithful approaches to Scripture. Too often we are tempted to be, as James warns us, hearers but not doers of the word. Skye challenges us to not only listen to Jesus but to obey Him. His creative study here of the most famous sermon in history will challenge you, comfort you, and most importantly, provoke you to take Jesus seriously. I encourage you to use this resource with your church or small group. —**Daniel Darling**, VP of Communications for ERLC; author of several books, including *The Dignity Revolution* and *The Characters of Christmas*
- *What If Jesus Was Serious?* is witty, incisive, and a fresh perspective on the teachings of Jesus. We too often stroll past the revolutionary call of Jesus to give up our possessions and follow Him. Skye Jethani helps us pause, look a bit deeper, and consider what Jesus actually meant in and through His teachings. —**Scott Harrison**, New York Times bestselling author, *Thirst*
- The content—and the style—of Skye's book are unique. But so is Skye. In his consistent and valuable manner, Skye helps us understand the age-old truths of Jesus' call to follow Him, but in new and fresh ways. Clear. Prophetic. Whimsical. Corrective. Insightful. As a visual learner, I loved this book. And I'm confident you will, too.” —**J. R. Briggs**, Founder, Kairos Partnerships; author of *The Sacred Overlap* and *Fail*
- Skye offers us a user-friendly guide to the bedrock teaching of Jesus. *What If Jesus Was Serious?* provides new depth of insight for those who are familiar with the Sermon on the Mount and accessible footholds for those who are new in their faith. —**Robert Gelinas**, Lead Pastor, Colorado Community Church, and author of *Disciplined by Jesus: Your Ongoing Invitation to Follow Christ*
- We have done everything in our relationship to Jesus over the years. We have taken him personally, politically, culturally, religiously, but when it comes to discipleship, we have somehow evaded actually taking Jesus seriously. In this compelling and challenging book, Skye does a masterful job of casting a vision of what serious discipleship looks like. Highly recommended. —**Jon Tyson**, Author of *Beautiful Resistance*, Lead Pastor, Church of the City New York