

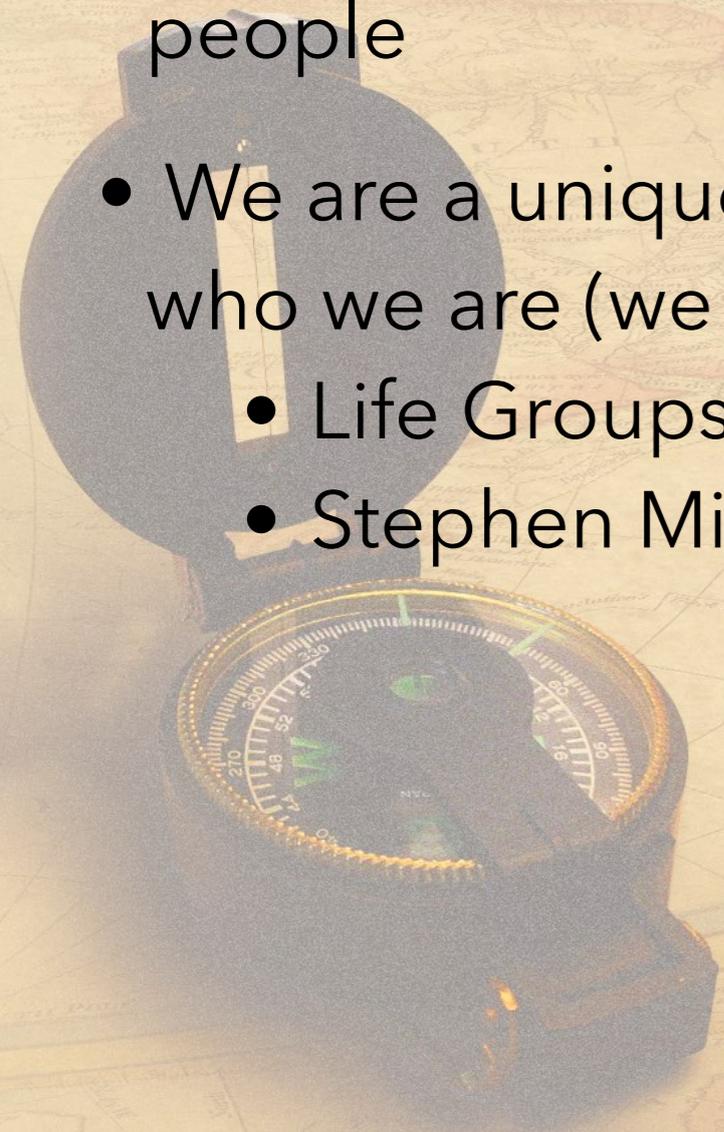


*Pathways*  
NEW SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

- Pathways:
  - Discipleship
  - Worship
  - Missional
  - **GROWING**
    - Correspond to TSF's Growth Goals



- Paul lists more than 55 people by name in his letters, for encouragement, greeting and support
- According to the NT, being in meaningful relationships with other believers isn't a nice option
  - It's a key expression of our Christianity
- Churches were established expressly for the purpose of connecting people
- We are a unique people from all backgrounds, so this flows from who we are (we don't create it!)
  - Life Groups
  - Stephen Ministry



## Hebrews 10:19-33

19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

26 For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, 27 but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries. 28 Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses.

## Hebrews 10:19-33 (continued)

29 How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know him who said, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge his people." 31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

32 But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, 33 sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated.



## Hebrews 10:35-39

35 Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. 36 For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. 37 For,

“Yet a little while,

and the coming one will come and will not delay;

38 but my righteous one shall live by faith,

and if he shrinks back,

my soul has no pleasure in him.”

39 But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.

- Vv. 35-39; within the context of relationships, we are told to encourage one another in faith, courage, and endurance
- There is a huge obstacles to growing in faith through relationships
  - PRIDE
- Where are you getting your encouragement to boldly persevere in faith?
- Where are you giving that to others?



- Vv. 19-25; not just on Sundays; gathering with each other for the purpose of encouragement and maturity; why must we get together for this?

1. We are all victims and guilty of Gospel Memory Loss

2. We all need a place to be real

3. Without the Gospel, I sin

4. We need a place where relationships WORK

5. We need a reminder about our place in each other's lives

6. We have a tendency to torpedo our desire to be changed

7. We need to remember that the Gospel is the cure for sin



- Vv. 37-38; why worry with growing up and maturing through relationships with other Christians?
- Because its SERIOUS
- Because the world needs more love
- Because we have tasted the Gospel and it is sweetness from God to us

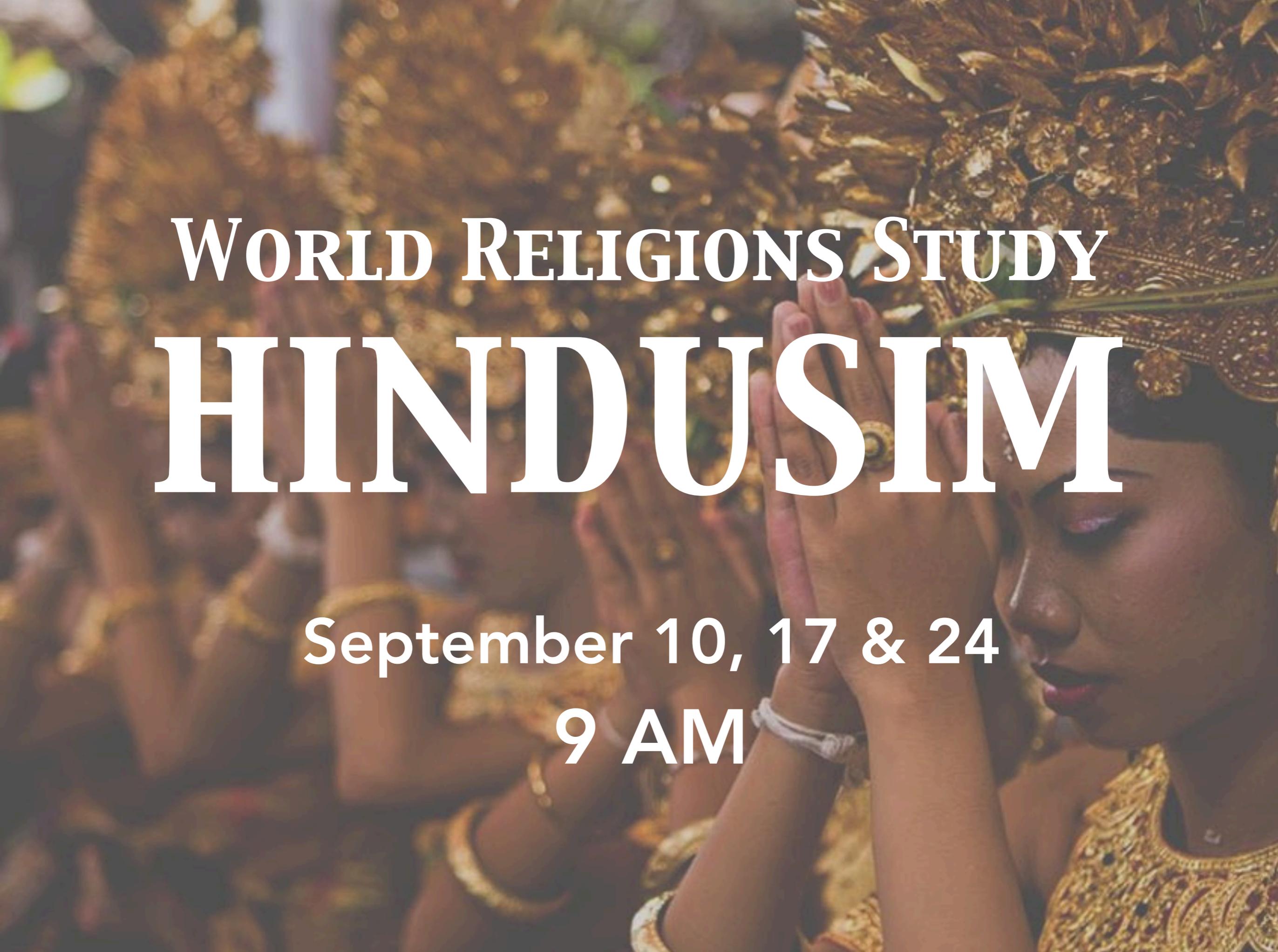


- Is it a bummer to get all messy with people?
  - Do you love celebrating great moments with people?
- You don't get the honor of life's beautiful moments without exposing yourself to the worst moments with others
- Do you see how the West's modern version of Christianity subverts all of this?



- Don't quit on a bad day
- Don't quit on each other
- Don't quit on Jesus
  - Pursue maturity
  - Preach the gospel to yourself and others
  - Provoke one another to love and good works

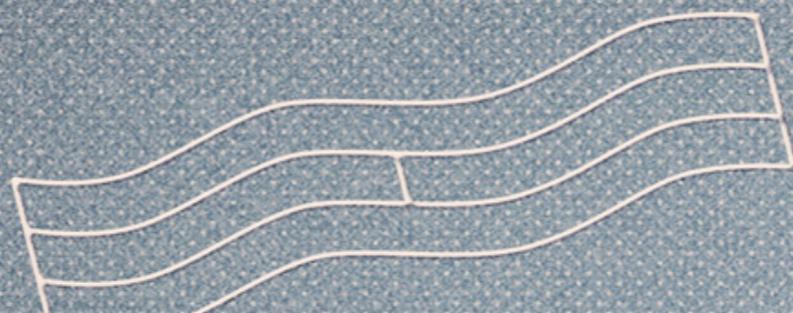


A woman in traditional Indian attire, including a large, ornate golden crown and jewelry, is shown in profile with her hands pressed together in a prayer gesture (Anjali Mudra). The background is a blurred crowd of people, suggesting a religious or cultural event.

**WORLD RELIGIONS STUDY**  
**HINDUISM**

**September 10, 17 & 24**

**9 AM**



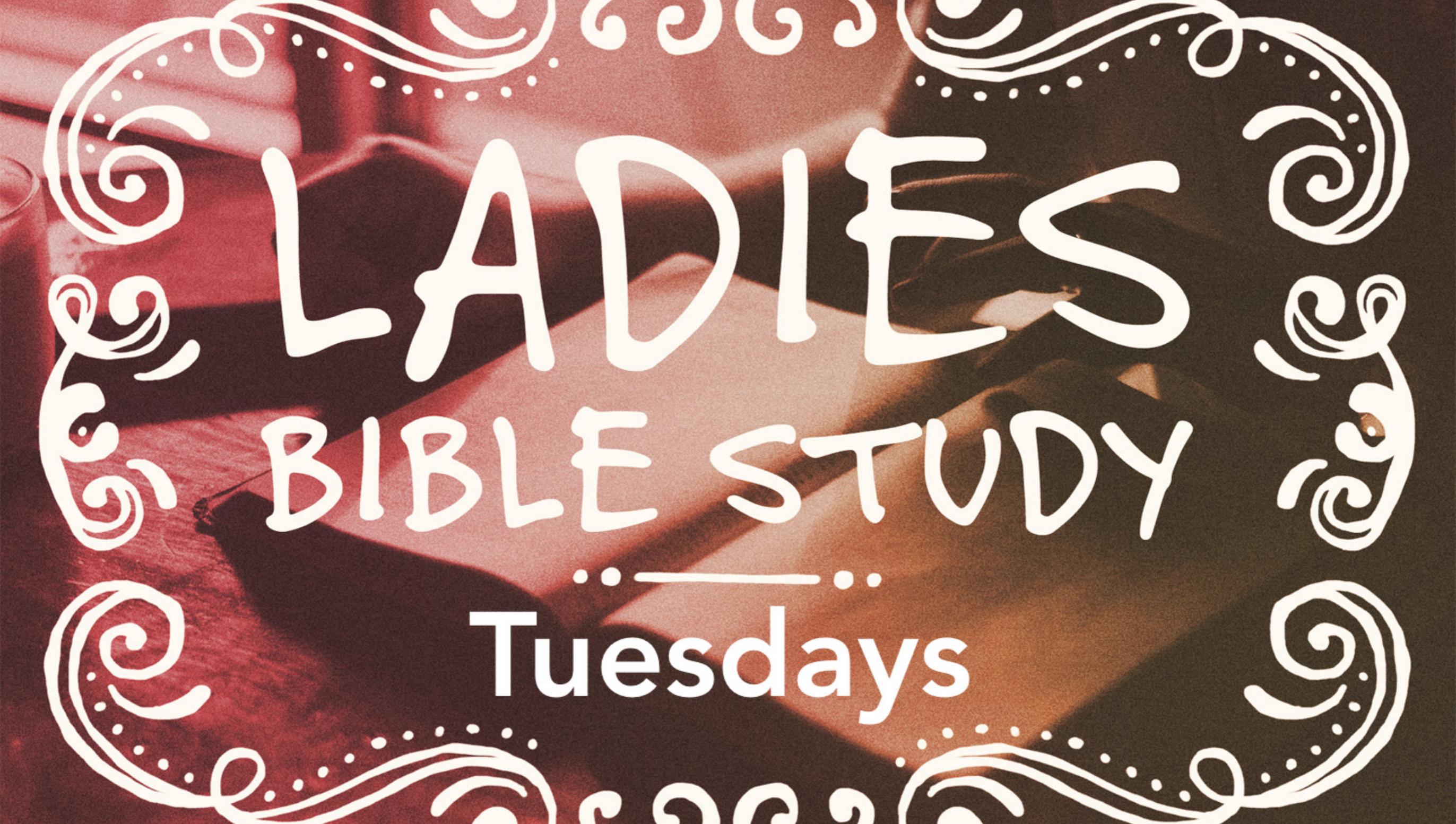
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**MEN'S**

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**SMALL GROUP**

**Begins September 12**



LADIES

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays

Begins September 19