

Belong

THE JOURNEY



 CONNECT

 GROW

 SERVE

 HOLY SPIRIT

 PARTNER

CONNECTING IN RELATIONSHIPS

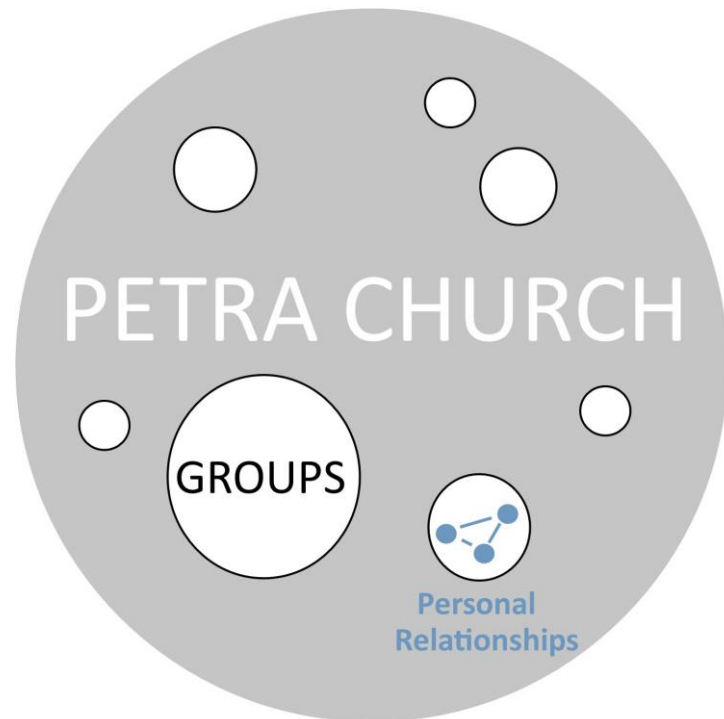
There's nothing more important in life than your relationships. The health of your relationships can dramatically affect your sense of fulfillment, quality of life, and success in faith. God's desire for you is that you'd find a home among vibrant, healthy relationships that encourage you to live like Jesus and share his love. Those kinds of relationships are life-giving.

Acts chapter 2 describes contagious Biblical community:

"Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church – about three thousand in all. They joined with the other believers and devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, sharing the Lord's Supper and in prayer. A deep sense of awe came over them all and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. And all the believers met together constantly and shared everything they had. They sold their possessions and shared the proceeds with those in need. They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity – all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their group those who were being saved." Acts 2:41-47

3 LEVELS OF COMMUNITY

PETRA'S HOPE. . . is that you progress from attending a church service to belonging to healthy, Biblically based, and purposeful relationships.



1. PETRA CHURCH COMMUNITY. Community on this level begins with the weekend services when our church family gathers together for prayer, worship, communion, teaching, serving one another, and celebrating the presence of God.
2. PETRA GROUPS. The second form of community takes place in our specialized ministries and **Petra Groups**. These relational environments encourage people to interact in smaller group settings, helping healthy relationships develop over time.
3. PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS. The third form of community develops once individuals take their relationships beyond a church-sponsored event or activity. This is where community develops in a very personal and fulfilling manner.

Taking initiative to join groups and get to know people is essential to developing community in a church this size.

PETRA GROUPS and START DATES

Petra Groups are a primary way in which the church family builds relationships, grows towards God, and cares for each other. We have different types of groups that meet a variety of needs and interests. Short term groups meet for 6, 8, or even 12 weeks. Our **Small Group** communities mostly meet in people's homes and are ongoing in nature.



GROW



SUPPORT



SERVE



MEN'S



WOMEN'S



STUDENT



PRAYER



DISCUSSION

Small Groups

Small Groups are our ongoing communities of people that meet in homes throughout Lancaster. Their focus is on...

- connecting relationally
- reading and applying God's word
- praying together
- caring for one another
- discussing the Sunday messages

www.petra.church/groups

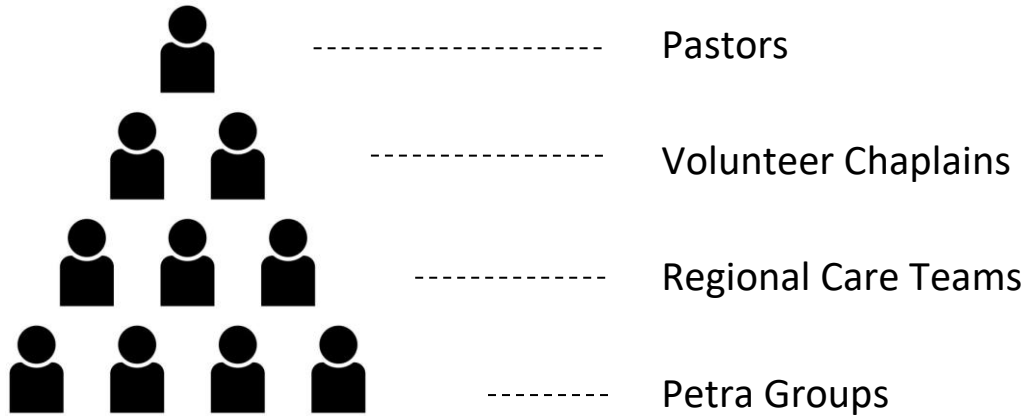
To find out more about the different types of groups or to sign up for a group go to the website. **September & January** are the two major signup months to join or start a Petra Group.

GROUPS DO FOUR THINGS



CARE TEAMS AT PETRA

Whether your need concerns marriage, pre-marriage, finance, organizing funerals or weddings, managing an emergency situation, or just relational connectedness. Our care teams include:



God designed communities to help care for each other's needs. In the New Testament, pastoral care was mostly met through the personal community of friends and not professional clergy. The health of every Petra family member is important to us, and we all work together to meet the needs of those around us. Acts 4:32-37; Acts 6:1-7; 1 Timothy 5:3-16.



[PETRA.CHURCH/REGIONALCARE](https://petra.church/regionalcare)

PETRA ONLINE RESOURCES

Technology is not a substitute for real relationships and community in a believer's life, but it can help believers to communicate with one another, and to grow in wisdom and knowledge. Here are additional digital resources available for your use.

