Belong



HEALING
GROUPS
SERVING
PARTNER

SERVING GOD AND PEOPLE

Jesus is the true model of a servant. He chose to give His time, wisdom, energy, and, ultimately, His life to serve God and people. Serving others is one way we grow in faith and love. Our families, communities, churches, and nations don't become all they can be until each of us finds our specific ways to contribute meaningfully.

For even the Son of Man came not be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.
MATTHEW 20:28 (NLT)

Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us.
ROMANS 12:4–6

CORE VALUE: SHARING JESUS AND SERVING OTHERS

We are committed to sharing Jesus' love, healing, and hope through personal relationships and intentional outreach locally and globally. We build God's Kingdom through natural talents and spiritual gifts to meet needs and serve others. *Scan QR Codes throughout the packet to see a core value discussion between Lead Pastor Brian Coles and Equipping Pastor Brian Flewelling.*

NOTES

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Describe a time you felt fulfilled helping other people. Was there something specific that made it satisfying—i.e., maybe babysitting, teaching sports, mentoring a couple, fixing a roof, or praying for a specific person?
2. In what ways are you currently involved in serving your local community, such as the fire department, volunteering at your children's school, or a local non-profit organization?

SERVING IN GOD'S MISSION

Serving is a lifestyle, not an action we turn on or off. As followers of Jesus, His love first flows into us and then it flows through us. Every person who follows Jesus is part of fulfilling His mission to make disciples of all nations and expand His reign of truth and grace.

LOCAL CHURCH COMMUNITY

The local church community plays a vital role in making disciples. Some of the ways we do this are by serving in small group communities, mentoring and relationships, teaching and equipping others, and helping with Sunday ministries.



LOCAL COMMUNITY

petra.church/localoutreach

- **FRIENDSHIP EVANGELISM:** Sharing our faith with our friends, family, coworkers, and neighbors and inviting them into our lives, homes, and church community is the most natural way to impact people for Jesus.
- **LOCAL COMMUNITY OUTREACH:** Ministering to the needs in our local towns and neighborhoods is another meaningful way we build God's Kingdom of love and justice. Petra Church supports and partners with a handful of other ministries within Lancaster County.



GLOBAL COMMUNITY

petra.church/globalmissions

As believers, our calling is to take the hope of Jesus to all nations and people groups. Each of us helps in one of three ways:

- **GO:** Some disciples are called to leave their homes and families, travel to foreign nations, and share the gospel. These assignments may be short-term or long-term.
- **PRAY:** All disciples can help pray for missionaries who are taking the good news to people around the world.
- **GIVE:** Some disciples are called to help support missionaries through financial giving.

GOD GIVEN GIFTS

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

God empowers us in natural and supernatural ways to build His Kingdom. The Holy Spirit gives every believer a variety of gifts with differing intensity. The purpose is always to build other people up in love, never to impress others.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.
1 PETER 4:10

- The gifts in Romans 12:3–8 seem to indicate natural abilities and personality dispositions.
- The gifts in 1 Corinthians 12:7–11 seem to indicate spiritual gifts that we move in while during worship and prayer.
- The gifts in Ephesians 4:11–13 seem to indicate leadership capacities God gives to certain individuals to build up the church.
- [See also: Romans 12:5; Matthew 25:14–30; 1 Corinthians 12:18]

TAKE THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS TEST ONLINE

giftsurvey.petra.church

Write down your top spiritual gifts here:

1. _____

2. _____

Write down three other natural talents, gifts, or abilities you have that could bless other people.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

GOD GIVEN PASSIONS

God also shapes our passions to serve specific people or particular areas of interest. A passion is a deep desire given by God that compels you to devote your time, resources, and energy toward specific areas of interest or need. This devotion results in bringing Jesus' truth and grace to a world in need.
Philippians 2:13; Revelation 17:17

WHO DO YOU HAVE COMPASSION OR PASSION TO SERVE?

Circle the top three people groups that you have a passion to work with.

YOUNG PEOPLE	FAMILY LIFE	SOCIAL ACTION	EVANGELISTIC
Infants	Single (parents)	Unemployed	Conservative
Preschoolers	Married Couples	Poor	Business Owners
Kindergartners	Young Families	Emergency Services	Affluent
Elementary	Adoption & Foster	Refugee	Nations
Middle School	Divorced / Widowed	Handicapped	Spiritual Seekers
High School	Senior Citizens	Prisoners	LGBTQ Community
Young Adults	Care	Ethnic Groups	The Arts Community
	Hospitalized	Public Schools	New Believers
	Struggling Health	Law Makers	Others _____



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are your top spiritual gifts, and do you understand how they work?
2. Is there a particular people group God has put on your heart, and what can you do to serve them?

CORE VALUE: EMPOWERMENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We want to abide in the Holy Spirit and participate in His ongoing ministry, gifts, and power to grow as Jesus' disciples and complete the mission He entrusted to us.

OBSERVATIONS:

RESOURCES

- Scriptures on the Holy Spirit, a booklet by Petra Church
  petra.church/digitalbooksandstudies
- Understanding the Ministry of the Holy Spirit, by Lester Zimmerman
- Baptism of the Holy Spirit Teaching – Petra's YouTube Channel

HEALING AT PETRA CHURCH

Are you healing, resting, or already serving?

Some of us need time to heal or rest. Others of us are already serving faithfully and don't need to overcommit.

EMPOWERMENT AT PETRA CHURCH

As Jesus' love flows into us, it begins to flow through us. Every person who follows Jesus is part of fulfilling His "disciple-making" mission.

PETRA CHURCH'S MISSION

We are empowered to bring Jesus' love, healing, and hope to the world.

YOU ARE EMPOWERED

Here are ways you can contribute to what God is doing through the various ministries in our Petra Community.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITMENT REQUIRED



Children



Prayer



*Local Outreach



Students



Worship



Global Missions



*Groups



Pastoral Care

Also, many opportunities to serve with Men, Women, Marriage, Seniors, Teaching, and Healing Ministries.

* Membership is required to be a *leader*.

MEMBERSHIP NOT REQUIRED



Guest Services
Café, Guest, Hospitality, Security



Media



Tech



Facilities
Cleanup, Setup

NEXT STEP CONVERSATION

The Belong Next Step Conversation is a personal meeting with a pastor or connections consultant who will help you customize your next step at Petra Church.

TEST DRIVE A PETRA TEAM

petra.church/joinateam

GOD GIVEN PURPOSE

MINISTRY SKILLS DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Dove Global Leadership & Ministry School provides practical biblical training, as well as Holy Spirit impartation and activation. Hundreds of graduates are now successfully engaging God's call to the church and the marketplace. Our goal is to help you build a biblical foundation to be led by the Holy Spirit and pursue your God-given dreams. Begin now to fulfill a lifetime of leadership and ministry!

NOTES