

AWE

Awe-Filled People
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WE WERE MADE FOR AWE.

- ▶ BUT... "awe" >>> "Ouch" >>> "Aw Forget it!"
- ▶ Jesus comes to RESTORE AWE

Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.

Acts 2:43

- ▶ "Awe" ... "Only GOD" moments

THE AWE OF CHANGED LIVES

Faux change: Group conformity, Religious coating, coercion in all its forms

Real change (a.k.a. Transformation): Presence, mustard seed, messy, God-initiated, not easily quantified, cooperative, easy, stinkin' hard!

COMMUNITY OF AWE AND CHANGED LIVES

(it's in our DNA!)

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Acts 2:39-40

DNA ELEMENT: Come as you are

- ✓ The only "real" option
- ✓ Not just how we start, but how we roll

⁴¹ So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

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Acts 2:41-43

DNA ELEMENT: Transformation

- ✓ "agenda"
- ✓ "connection / presence"
- ✓ "space for grace"

⁴⁴ And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need.

Acts 2:44-45

DNA ELEMENT: No one stands alone

THIS IS "AWE" THAT YOU CAN EXPERIENCE!

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