

## 1-day Divine Principle Seminar in Helsinki, Finland

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We held a 1-day workshop at Karhusaari ('bear island'), a rustic island connected by road to the mainland. Even though it is located just outside the capital of Finland, it offers serene nature at a sea bay. The beautiful scenery around helped us to relate with the God of Creation as we heard lectures on the Principles of Creation and connected with the ideal of God's heart and loving Parent of goodness.

The second lecture dealt with the fall of man, which led us to realize again the cause for the separation of man from God. The final lecture was an overview on the restoration, how God with a parental heart has since the fall made effort to restore man back to His original ideal of goodness. Our lecturer Mrs. Gudrun Hassinen spoke with compassion, and there was a receptive audience.

We had altogether 9 people studying there. There was a participant from New Mexico, the USA, as one of the first members of Unification church in Finland came to attend the workshop. Another guest was a friend of a second gen Unificationist attending a DP-seminar for the first time. One attendee, who had last attended seminar a long time ago, commented that the seminar brought back old knowledge which had been hidden but now returned into his mind. One reflected after hearing the lecture on restoration on establishing foundation of faith and substance, listening to the foundation of substance being unity between brothers, how one cannot enter the Kingdom of heaven if one is unable to love one's brother.

Each seminar is a chance to refresh one's mind and connect to the heart of God. We could discuss what was meaningful in the content and appreciate each person's sincere attitude and attendance.