

Divine Principle Workshop

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There was a need to organize a 3 full days WS since some new members never had a chance to participate. In order to make it effective the minimum goal was at list 7 participants. If one week before the event already the number was over 7, in the last week we got 22 confirmations and that qualified the WS not only that was over 7 but was already very important.

One of the participants was

a evangelic priest and we had several youth and second generation attending. As usual all participants had to pay a fee of 5 euros per day which is a good condition and also helps covering the costs.

The conferences were divided in 3days and each day of seminar was presented by one of the three lecturers: Sergio Neto, Sergio Vieira and Dan Gaina. All the sessions were initiated with songs first and was one of the most animated seminars in terms of singing that we had with guests. All people were present with the spirit. Of course the usual fight with the sleepy spirits was also a part of the day but lecturers stimulated the participants in various ways to be awake. Most successful was sudden loud noise that aside from little shock gave a boost of adrenaline and a shade of shame to the sleepy ones.

The interest in the presentations was clear since the beginning of the seminar. All the participants were present full-hearted. The atmosphere was alive and time passed very quickly. As it was concentrated and had a lot of information, was expected to be harder. In the end of each day we had Q&A sessions and the discussions were intense and full of spirit.

As normal the fall, the spiritual world and the life of Jesus were the hottest topics, since there is the breakthrough of True Father's teachings. People did not present disbelief in True Parents but rather concern on recent events and on the future developments. That was a rather new concern since the usual battle was to help people understand the Second Advent.

We presented a movie in each of the first two nights: The others, to make a point about the reality of the spiritual world, and Agora about the violence and secularism of the beginning of the Christianity.

The most of the participants stayed overnight and that completed the spirit of the WS. It created a symbolical community, living and sharing together. Some of the participants were from Lousada, a city in the Nord of Portugal. As the number of participants from Lousada, for various seminars in the last period is growing already there are preparations to create a community in the city, related or not to the Porto center.

The seminar was successful and 17 out of 22 were present full time so we congratulated them and offer a diploma. The recent conferences and projects were not all the time fully successful but



looks like all that effort made helped to make a breakthrough in other areas. Experimenting various 7 days content we felt the need of an unified and official content since personalized content always has some missing points. Translating an entire content from English is a time taking and difficult work and only by teaching it we can see if that is really effecting. One focus will be to establish such a material that present DP in the best and complete way and that can be enriched or simplified to be used for 2, 3 and 7 days.

Over all the WS was successful and full of hope. We are sure that in the light of the efforts of True Mother to put witnessing in the first line we can also continue and have an expanding community. Thank You in the name of all Portuguese family.

