

2nd Global Top Gun Youth - Day 6: Heart Transcends All Barriers

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Some of us have heard the Divine Principle many times before. Some of us might have only heard it once.

But in this workshop, though we were learning the Principle, we didn't attend the typical lectures. We learned the Principle in a completely different way.

Before learning anything from the Principle, though, we learned about public speaking skills. Why? Because the best way to learn about the Principle is to teach it to others. Not only that, we need to be confident in sharing the Principle with others, too. So Nina Urbonya led us in a session of Public Speaking Training. We practiced impromptu speaking by being given questions and sharing our answers to our group. To many, this was a difficult, but an extremely valuable exercise, so we were thankful.



After the public speaking session, we heard a deep testimony from Justin Okamoto. He shared his life and how he went from being distant from God all the way to a point where he can share and radiate God's love. He assured us that God really does love us and our responsibility is to share our love with other

people. He asked all the people who felt distant from God to stand up, and all the other people to pray for them. It was a deep experience and one where a lot of people even cried.

"It was surprisingly intense how Justin came from the very bottom. He talked about how he couldn't feel safe or was not going to be accepted by his friends in Chung Pyung if they really knew his situation. But when he shared his situation, people accepted him and he found out that other people were going through the same situation too. His testimony made me reflect on my own problems and taught me that we should all come together to become God's body." – Takanari, USA



In the afternoon, we heard a Divine Principle talk from Jeong Hye Yeom, UPA Special Envoy to Europe and Takayoshi Kageyama UPA Special Envoy to Central America on Principle of Creation. We were then given 20 minutes to fill out a worksheet with various questions. We each picked a key point that we could connect to and found a story from our daily life related to that. We then took the time to share our story in pairs.

For the evening session, we made groups of five and took turns giving our five minute talks each and got feedback from the other groups members. Once again, this really helped us practice our public speaking skills, so even though it might have been intimidating for some, we were thankful for it.

And that's the day. We've actually reached a point in the workshop where our families (teams) start to really do feel like families. For many families, only 2 or 3 people can speak English, and it's very possible for every person to have a different first language. From this, though, we have come to realize that language is actually the wall we have built up ourselves. For us to express ourselves, we can just use our heart, which transcends way beyond language. By doing this, we found that we have a much better time, even though we can't understand 100% of what everybody is saying.

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