

## Unification Thought four-day lecture series at UTS in Barrytown, New York

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*I believe that God made me for a purpose, but he also made me fast. And when I run, I feel his pleasure.*

Gerry Servito concluded one of his Unification Thought lectures with a clip of this famous scene from the movie *Chariots of Fire*. The movie fit in neatly with Mr. Servito's latest Unification Thought lecture series, which began on May 27 and took place over four days at the Unification Theological Seminary in Barrytown, New York. The participants included members of the Generation Peace Academy (GPA).



In contrast to the Divine Principle, Unification Thought appeals to the intellectual. The book and lecture series answer questions such as "What is the original image of God?" and "What is my purpose in life?" In his presentation, Mr. Servito explained the Unificationist approach to education, ethics, and art, and focused on topics like the meaning of logic. Mr. Servito, a usually quiet man, exploded with passion when

he jumped around the stage, encouraging young audiences to strive for the things that make them truly come alive. It is only by exploring our passions, explains Mr. Servito, that we fulfill our purpose and bring joy to God.



"Not every day do young Unificationists get to delve into the subject matter of Unification Thought, so it was a cherished workshop indeed," said E. Maddox, a participant of GPA who attended the workshop. "I am someone who appreciates both thought and feeling," he explained, "so I found myself enthralled."

It was clear how deeply Mr. Servito wanted the young participants to not just understand the content, but apply it to their lives. "Sections like Ethics or Art were so real and relevant. It was like a step by step approach to how True Father thought about things," said Mr. Maddox.



Mr. Maddox, bursting with energy after the workshop, was not the only participant who had a transformative experience. Throughout the week, the participants came up to thank Mr. Servito.

"It was a truly wonderful workshop," Mr. Maddox concluded. "I feel it's important to realize just how much of True Father's words and teachings are out there, undiscovered and un-experienced."