

Elizabeth, New Jersey Youth Ministries focuses on Ownership

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Hak Ja de Sousa, in Elizabeth, New Jersey, shared how her youth ministry used the theme Inspire. “I decided to add sub-themes to every month to help decide on what education would be, so this month, our sub-theme was ‘Ownership.’ Our education topics were: Creating a Belief System, God’s Heart, and Relationship Goals with God.”

Activities were primarily directed toward inward reflection, building a relationship with God and establishing an identity as Unificationists. The group participated in fundraising as a way to practice humility and to express gratitude to elders.

Hak Ja shared, “Through focusing more on discussion this month, youth group members were able to create steps toward making their faith more intentional and practical. It became a lot easier for people to open up about their life of faith, and how they struggle identifying with it.”

The youth have expressed a great desire to learn more about their own faith and how to practice it daily. The group plans to continue to talk and explore the subject, and connect with each other on even deeper levels.

