

7day Divine Principle Workshop and Winter Trip

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The seminar was very flexible and unusual, guests and also the schedule. We have formed two groups of brothers and sisters. All sisters were long time Unification members and came with their own situations, and at first they did not have much inspiration to be here and understand why they needed this seminar. And the brothers, except Maksat and Ilyas, are familiar with us for about six months and participated mainly in external programs. So, there were very different participants. It was very surprising to observe their changes. One of the participants wanted just to have a good time and see Moscow. Therefore, he barely visited lectures, and sometimes couldn't endure. But on the last day he concluded that if there is a Messiah, then this person must necessarily be a teacher Moon. The True Parents course was the only day when he attended the lectures with interest. The other brother, on the contrary, was interested in every lecture, constantly asked questions, communicated with everyone, served a lot and finally gained understanding that the spiritual world is real. The third brother has learned to feel God through a variety of activities. He wants to go to the Baikal project as taskmaster.



The sisters also experienced a transformation during the seminar and awareness of the value of this time. There was a lot of awareness about their position and role in Providence. Someone laughed at the seminar most of all life, someone learned to accept the point of view of others and listen, and someone became more humble and kinder.

We got the impression that the seminar was not 7, but at least 21 days, so many changes and events occurred in the lives of brothers and sisters.

From a spiritual point of view, the seminar was not easy. The pressure of the spiritual world was felt. To overcome this, the staff of the seminar took turns in prayer during each lecture, which helped the lecturer to be more effective.

Since we started to pray, our guest, who did not want to listen to the lecture, began to participate more. And we, the organizers and the leader groups felt more involved in the seminar and care for all the guests, not just the members of our group.



Sport and evening programs helped us to understand each other more and feel like one family. Participants were very pleased by the art therapy from Bayarma Efremova.



Due to the fact that the excursion to Moscow turned out to be surprisingly rich and interesting both with spiritual and cognitive point of view, the guys gained strength for the second half of the seminar.

The winter trip was a great challenge. Arriving in the forest, we suddenly learned that each of the participants will lead others with a symbolic map and a compass. Even if we did not go to the right direction, Sergei let us make mistakes, so that later we could fix it ourselves. In the end, we got lost and went beyond our plans and maps and miraculously found our way. Our goal was an abandoned temple. On the way, each of us saw our limitations and the fallen nature. We needed more humility, prayer, initiative and, most importantly, to build stronger relations with God. We realized that no matter how strong and skillful you are, if you are alone, you cannot survive. The worst thing is not hunger and cold, but loneliness. Teamwork, the ability to sacrifice themselves and thoughts about God help not just to survive, but to win.

Thank you! Sincerely, Tatyana Lovchikova and Ilyas Tazhiev.



