



European 15 Day Divine Principle Workshop

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Over 35 participants gathered to study Divine Principle and its application during the European 15 Day DP workshop in Austria.



From the very beginning the participants were very enthusiastic to study the Principle of Creation and God's heart, given by their favorite lecturer Ashley Crosthwaite.



Tibor Krebsz went then into the human fall and the Principle of Restoration, and we continued on to study God's

plan how to establish the foundation to receive the messiah. Jesus' heart of desperation on the cross brought many tears to the eyes of the young people. True Father's life course was a moment of great reflection for everybody and some participants understood for the first time the true mission of True Parents. Many of them expressed their gratefulness to True Mother during her life story and her painful restoration course that was given by Dieter Schmidt, our Central European regional leader.



On Day 8 we had a challenge day, where everybody could experience the footsteps of our True Parents through different stations to accomplish various tasks.



Then we moved on to internal guidance lectures for the life of faith that help the participants to apply DP in their own life. There was also a day for deep reflection and repentance, testimonies of elders at the camp fire and learning how to communicate with God and pray.



A DP lecturing contest was organized with prizes for the three best lecturers.



One whole day was focusing on living for the sake of others, whereby we did a service project around our Gafrenz property.



Daily, after lunch, there was enjoyment with sports, swimming in the nearby river, beautiful walks in the Austrian nature and movies and game nights.

On the last day we had a graduation ceremony where many participants expressed tearfully their experiences. In these two weeks they created an atmosphere of being one family. Participants received their certificates and it all ended with a very exciting family evening prepared with lots of fun.

Participants reflections:

“It helped me to understand things about myself and how we apply DP in my daily life.” – Séline from Switzerland

“It is amazing how two weeks of studying Divine Principle could change my way of thinking.” – Kálmán from Hungary

“This workshop gave me a much-needed deep insight into Divine Principle and brought me gradually closer to brothers and sisters and helped me to make my decision to join this movement.” – Suyash from the Czech Republic

“I found so many new things in this workshop that made me reflect on how to make DP real in my life.” – Eglantina from Albania

“It was very inspiring to study God’s word during these two weeks and I got answers for my personal life.” – Lucija from Croatia

“It was a great learning experience.” – Asad from the Czech Republic

“It was emotional, challenging, adventurous and fun – all at once!” – Lea from Croatia

“This was for me the best workshop to understand God’s heart.” – Markus from Austria

“This workshop helped me to move forward.” – Sophie from the Czech Republic

“New, different and lovely!” – Dora from Croatia

“An unpredictable workshop with a life changing experience.” – Kate from the Czech Republic

“I was making many friends, the atmosphere was great!” – Emmi from Luxembourg

“I would like to stay in this workshop forever.” – Jan from the Czech Republic

A big thank you to everyone who made this possible!