

Introduction to DP and Character Education for youth of Yala community, Nigeria

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We organized an introduction to Divine Principle and Character Education for the youth of Yala community which hosts 7 Victorious HTM Tribes. Participants present were 230 youths (ages 14+). Most of these participants had family relations who have participated in heavenly Tribal Messiah blessings. The event took place at the Local Government Council Hall.

The background leading to this event came from not only the need to educate the youths whose parents and family relations had previously received the blessing but also to help solve local tribal clashes which had already taken the lives of 3 youths.

The MC for the program was Mr. Henry Oko, he made sure that everything went smoothly. During the program, Mr. Ekpo Raphael Ogar (YSP President of Nigeria) presented an introduction to the Divine Principle and was followed by Mr. Paul Jeremiah (Special missionary from Sun Moon University who is currently doing his internship in the mission) and Mr. Bong-Shim

Edward Uke (YSP Vice President of Nigeria) who both presented the Divine Principle and Character Education lectures. The Character Education lecture was concluded by Mr. Ekpo Raphael Ogar, during which he placed emphasis on living for the sake of others and calling out representatives from the two rival local tribes in an effort to symbolically restore peace to the community.

Interactive sessions were held and everyone participating got a chance to contribute and express their views.

The goal of the program was successfully accomplished. The youths expressed interest in being part of YSP activities and attending the upcoming 7-days Divine Principle seminar. Elders present expressed how much they wished the local chiefs and community elders were present at the event. They felt very inspired by the content and how much YSP is investing into their youths. To conclude the event, Mr. Bong-Shim Edward Uke gave the closing remarks and certificates were given to new YSP members who had participated in the event.

Reflection

Oloko Dominic Ogar: I wish I knew about this organization on time as a youth leader in Yala I would have personally mobilized youth from all communities, this is the first time an organization is speaking to our youth addressing the challenges facing us here ranging from self-centeredness, free sex and drug abuses. Please organize more of such as we will mobilize more youth to hear this lecture content.

Prince Woka Ejeh: The teaching about living for the sake of others is something that struck me while the lecture was going on and it shows how we as youth can champion the course of living for the sake of others by following the teachings about four family love.