

HCGE Summer 2010, in Perth W.A.

Studies in 2 Corinthians

with David & Jan Boan

This is an invitation for you, and others you may know, to gather on a Sunday afternoon, in 2010 over School term time, from 2-5pm. Term 1 in 2010 would be the Sundays February 7,14,21,28 and March 7,14,21,28.

It is about training!

Both Jan and I sense that 2010 is time to train people who have some desire to know and to teach God's word to His people.

We want to pass on the technique for the research of the New Testament which leads to a way of understanding it, and then to learn how to present what we know. Would you pray about whether you might be part of this.

What is it?

Techniques:

We want to demonstrate the way we prepare to teach a portion of Scripture – what we might call HCGE, historical, contextual, grammatical exposition. This would involve;

- Working through selected New Testament text/s in detail.
- Presenting the Greek Text and its current state of transmission and of the grammatical issues to show the clear meaning. [This requires no knowledge of Greek but it leads to the clearest English].
- Considering the English Grammar necessary for the section. This would make us fluent with our own English Grammar and allow us to read more technical literature.
- Examining the clear meaning and the theological issues contained in the grammar.
- Making the most careful translation we can make.
- Noting the historical and contemporary issues of the context.
- Looking for parallel texts where the author has used the same ideas and words to express the central ideas we are encountering.
- Investigating the OT themes, quotations and allusions to see what background influenced the writer's thinking.
- Comparing and contrasting modern translations. This will help us to know the relative worth, the strengths and weaknesses, of what is being read in the body of Christ today. We shall also identify where these translations, paraphrases etc came from and what purposes they were intended to serve.
- Integrating what we read into a continually expanding theological framework.
- Working up an outline as to how to teach the particular section for your use and trial with others known to you.
- A time of prayer to ask God for revelation from His written Word.

Life:

As we encourage you to attend with your spouse, Jan and I want to include, from time to time, how it is that we have found our life is affected and controlled by this work.

- How does it affect our marriage and life.
- Matters we have found helpful in how to gain understanding from the Scrip-

tures.

- How do we pray for, and prepare for the conveying of God's word.
- How shall we carry the burden of such a ministry and how to think of ourselves and others in the body of Christ when we do such work.
- How shall we teach what we know today, and yet being aware that in the future we shall have more to say and know.
- How shall we know what to read about Scripture, where to find it and what is reliable in the world of the scholars. We want to share which modern authors have been most helpful to us in our walk and why.

Where is it?

[Venue is at David and Jan's place; but if registrations are large we may have to move to some larger home] .

Could you register by January 31, 2010?

Just indicate to us if you and/or your spouse are coming, at least for the first term, and tell others you would like to invite or to whom you have forwarded this email, to do the same.

If you are registering from outside WA and wish to follow the prepared material on the website: www.davidboan.net then you can do that on the website itself. Some audio of the presentations can be prepared and posted, if not all the discussion that takes place.

