

## Questions for study and reflection: Job Sermon 4

### Warming up

What was your earliest impression or mental picture of God? What was he like, and how did he behave? Why did you think that?

What struck you most the sermon from Sunday?

### Opening the Bible

*Turn to Job chapters 8 & 9*

What is Bildad's impression or mental picture of God? Do you agree with him?

How might Bildad's comments have made Job feel?

How does Job see himself at this point?

### Going Deeper

What right does God have to be judge over Job, and over us?

Why do you think our culture is particularly offended by the idea of a God who judges us?

### Applying to our lives

Has your view of God changed over time? How might reading Job change or develop your view of God?

How will you answer God when called to defend yourself in front of him?

*'...a man will be justified by faith when, excluded from righteousness of works, he by faith lays hold of the righteousness of Christ, and clothed in it, appears in the sight of God not as a sinner, but as righteous...' John Calvin*

*...In other words, God can say to us just as He once said to Christ, 'you are my Son (or daughter!), whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'* Tim Keller

What difference does this make to how we see ourselves as Christians?