

## Bildad and Job - Job 25:1-31:40

*Topics:* Accomplishments, Achievements, Approval, Character, Confusion, Embarrassment, Evil, God, God's Will, Humiliation, Integrity, Justice, Life, Life-style, Perspective, Popularity, Problems, Punishment, Relationships, Reputation, Righteousness, Security, Self-esteem, Sin, Success, Suffering, Unfairness, Wisdom

### Open It

- \* 1. What saying, proverb, Bible verse, slogan, etc., would you use to summarize your approach to life?
- 2. What makes a person popular or unpopular with others?
- 3. What thing, event, or person has had the biggest impact on your concept of God?

### Explore It

- 4. How did Bildad think God viewed humankind? (25:1-6)
- 5. What was Job's initial reply to Bildad? (26:1-4)
- 6. How did Job describe God's power? (26:5-14)
- 7. What did Job say God had denied him? (27:2)
- 8. What did Job pledge that he would not do as long as he lived? (27:3-6)
- 9. According to Job, what is the fate of the wicked? (27:7-23)
- 10. Where did Job say people search for wisdom? (28:1-19)
- 11. According to Job, what is wisdom and where can it be found? (28:20-28)
- 12. How did Job describe his life before his suffering? (29:1-25)
- \* 13. What kind of man was Job before his suffering began? (29:1-25)
- \* 14. How did Job describe his life since his suffering began? (30:1-15)
- \* 15. How did Job characterize his present relationship with God? (30:16-23)
- 16. How did Job describe his suffering? (30:24-31)
- 17. What did Job wish God would do? Why? (31:1-40)
- 18. Based on the evidence Job supplied in his own defense, what kind of man was he? (31:1-40)

### Get It

- \* 19. How would you summarize Job's approach to life, both before and after the onset of his troubles?
- 20. Before his suffering, where did Job get his sense of security?
- \* 21. How did Job let his circumstances shape his perception of his life?
- 22. How did Job let his circumstances affect his relationship with God and his relationship with others?
- 23. How do you let circumstances shape your perception of life?
- 24. How do you let circumstances affect your relationship with God and your relationship with others?
- 25. What significant events in your life have helped to shape your view of life and your view of God?
- 26. How is our self-esteem affected by our achievements or failures?
- 27. Why do you think Job found his personal suffering so confusing and unfair?
- 28. When have you ever felt that you did everything right and yet still God did not come through for you?

### Apply It

- \* 29. What can you do today to avoid letting circumstances spoil your relationship with God?
- 30. In what way can you seek security in your relationship with God rather than in your personal accomplishments this week?
- 31. What is one thing you can do today to improve your relationship with God?