

## **Deborah – Prophetess? Judge?**

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Seminar questions

- 1 What is at stake if the traditional interpretation of Deborah's unique role as judge is abandoned? Does it really matter what role she exercised – prophet, judge or both? Why/why not?
- 2 Clearly some women, like Deborah, exercised some kind of a 'prophetic ministry', sharing authoritative messages from God to his people. What issues might this raise for a complementarian viewpoint? How would you respond to those who take Deborah's prophetic role to support egalitarianism?
- 3 To what extent, if any, were the respective roles of Deborah and Barak gender-related? How might the respective responsibilities of this man and woman influence our attitude to male and female leadership in a modern church context?
- 4 To what extent, if any, does Judges 4–5 exemplify a complementarian model of male-female ministry? Is this affected in any way by the precise role that Deborah occupied? Why/Why not?