## Session 1: The One and Only God

Reading: Exodus 3:1-17

#### What is God like?

§Isaiah 40 - he's not like anything

Creator vs Creature:

**§Exodus 3** - "I am who I am"

- aseity - (what's that?)

### **§God's Radical Independence**

He does not depend on anyone or anything

He chooses his own name

- does that make God distant/aloof?

#### §God's attributes

What do we mean by attributes?

- how do the attributes relate to each other?

What is the relationship between Love & Justice?

How do we make sense of this?

Consider some of the ways the Bible speaks of God's attributes:

God *is* Love God *is* Light God *is* spirit It is impossible that God should lie It is impossible that God should die (he is the living God)

This leads us to the concept of God's simplicity... (which isn't entirely simple to understand)

# **\$God's Simplicity**

Which is related to the concept of God's perfection