



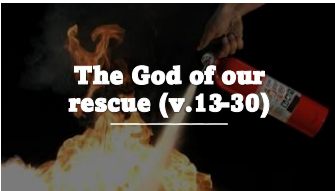
PAULSGROVE
BAPTIST CHURCH



Sunday 15th May



**The God of our
worship (v.1-12)**



**The God of our
rescue (v.13-30)**

Questions to discuss and pray through this week

The God of our worship

Read Daniel 3:1-12:

- How did Nebuchadnezzar's statue show that he hadn't yet turned to the true God?
- What are the 'gods' in our culture that can control us more than we realise? How are they more subtle than the forced worship in our story today?
- Why was Jesus' worship & obedience to the Father so important both for our salvation and as our example? (see Mt 4:8-10; Mk 8:31-33; Jn 19:30)
- What change of heart, mind and lifestyle might need to happen in order for you to put aside the gods in your life, so that the true God takes prominence?!

The God of our rescue

Read Daniel 3:13-30:

- Why were Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego so clear in their response to the king?

1 Peter 4:12-13 – “Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.”

- What is the difference between the way God uses fire to judge and to refine? How can we sometimes mix them up?
- What fiery trials have you been through that have tested your faith? Why are we to rejoice, and how can trials refine our faith and prove it genuine? Share some examples of how you've grown through hardship