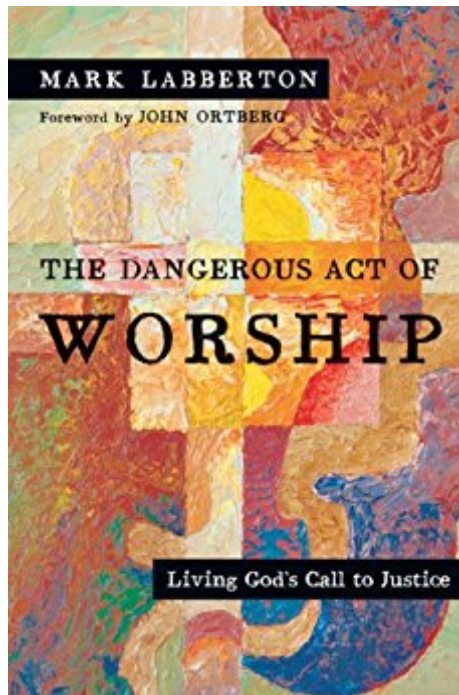




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What's at stake in our worship? Everything. Worship is the dangerous act of waking up to God and God's purposes in the world. But something has gone wrong with our worship. Too often worship has become a place of safety and complacency, a narrowly private experience in which solitary individuals only express their personal adoration. Even when we gather corporately, we often close our eyes to those around us, focusing on God but ignoring our neighbor. But true biblical worship does not merely point us upward--it should turn us outward as well. In this prophetic wake-up call for the contemporary church, pastor Mark Labberton reconnects Christian worship with biblical justice. From beginning to end, worship must pursue justice and seek righteousness, translating into transformed lives that care for the poor and the oppressed. Labberton shows how to move beyond the comfort of safe worship to authentic worship that is awake to the needs of the world.

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Customer Reviews

Labberton has written a book for any who find their church too insular; find their church more about

their church than Jesus's Great Commission, or Jesus, for that matter; find themselves with questions about corporate worship, and those who have questions about the role of the church with respect to justice and mercy in our somewhat self-centered society. There are few comforts of "going to church on Sundays" that he does not explode as being inadequate if we, as Christians, are to live as agents of God's desire for justice and mercy in our world. (Micah 6:8) If you are looking for a radical jolt to your comfort zone, or your love of Christ has grown cold, or you think the church is irrelevant today, or, or...it may be that Labberton's perspective will wake you up and lend a new direction to your life. If you are a believer, you know if there is an issue keeping you from living as you should, it is not a defect of your faith ...it is human error or insufficiency. It may be this book will restore your spiritual energy by connecting your faith to the world/community around you. The entire text, from Chapter One, paragraph one challenges our very concept of the church, so be prepared to reflect. The book is not a series of generalities or condemnations; it consistently references Scripture in defence of Labberton's views, and is chocked full of real life stories and demonstrations of the power of acting in the ways of justice and mercy in the community where you live. Very inspirational, full of spiritual energy.

Well written and well thought out this book pushes past the sensationalism of popular Christian books today. It is not spoon fed pap but a 7 course meal in which you will want to participate. My church is currently reading a book called Radical- Taking your faith back from the American Dream by David Platt. It is an in your face kind of book- I think of it in terms of lots of exclamation points. Mark Labberton's book The Dangerous Act of Worship: Living God's Call to Justice is the same theme in a more fulfilling and calm manner. It reaffirms as well as pushes one to see life itself as an act of worship. Everything we do on a daily basis as our worship to God, not just the Sunday morning service. It makes you question what is pleasing to God and are we really trying to please God at all? Who is our Worship affirming? I bought the book for my Kindle and will be buying a set for a study group.

Don't read this book if you are not ready to have your ideas on worship (and maybe even life!) challenged. Worship encompasses our every day -- not just once a week. Justice, mercy, walking humbly..... DO read if you are ready to experience MORE! More life, more love, more compassion. More of all that life can be. But, it may make you uncomfortable!! Ready for the challenge??

Well written, excellent book.

I almost never read a book on my annual silent retreat, preferring to stay with scripture. But I glanced at the beginning of this and stayed with it to the end. Worship gives us the mind of Christ, and that changes everything. Well written and clear.

I love his points, and there Labberton does a great job of challenging readers in their lifestyles of worship. I thoroughly enjoyed the book. It falls a little short in the sense that it is culturally limited--but the principles are easily transferable, and regardless, it is a worthy read for any Christian. It will challenge you in your walk of faith in the best of ways.

This book answers that question..."In order to give what you have away." Let this book reorder your worship...the way Jesus says to do it! It's well worth the read. A favorite excerpt: "For all our apparent passion about God, in the end much of our worship seems to be mostly about us. We presume we can worship in a way that will find God but lose track of our neighbor." This book feels like a cold splash of water on your face in the morning...let us wake up to God's call to justice!

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