



SERMON
DISCUSSION
GUIDE

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A Dangerous Act: To Love

Read/Reflect

1. Read I John 4:7-21. What phrase or concept that John presents grabs you the most?
2. What are some of the themes that John addresses in this passage?

Explore

3. What are some biblical references to people encountering God, or coming to worship him. What kind of experiences are they: positive, frightening, perplexing, engaging? How does this compare with your own expectations in coming to worship God?
4. God is love but he does not always love our worship. See for reference: Amos 5:21-27; Isaiah 1:12-15. How might that change your impression of how you worship God?
5. Have you ever thought of worshipping God as dangerous – or at least risky? How can it be dangerous in the sense of loving God? How can it be dangerous in the sense of loving your neighbour? Look again especially at I John 4:19-21.
6. What might you most prefer in worship instead of being loved and loving (as defined by Micah 6:8: doing justice, loving mercy, walking humbly with God):
 - Warm feelings
 - Being Inspired
 - Being Challenged
 - Being on the right side (impressing God)
 - Other: _____

Pray

- As a worshipper, pray that God would instill in your heart a deep sense of the immense holiness of God as you come to him – with deep reverence and love.
- As part of the body of Christ, pray for the worship service that you participate in, for those who lead in worship, and for each part of the service that it truly reflects the love and devotion we have to God.