



Sermon Discussion Questions

What Does God Require? // Micah 1:1-16

- Pastor Joey is a picky eater. What arbitrary habits or character traits did you pick up from your parents?
- Do you agree with the statement that “the sins of the parent permeate the house”? Why or why not?
- If that statement is true, what implications does it have for the way you think about your childhood? What about your parenting, if you’re a parent?
- How do we practically balance the understanding that everyone is personally responsible for their actions with the fact that much of their default behavior comes from how they were raised and the societies and cultures they live in?
- How are grace and mercy needed in finding that balance?
- Pastor Joey claimed that our nation’s history is a story of both good and bad parenting. Do you agree? Why or why not?
- Do you think it’s plausible that a conflict at the beginning of our nation’s founding — that African slaves are human enough to evangelize but subhuman enough to own — continues to have effects today?

- If vestiges of that mindset are still around today, in individual actions and system-wide biases, what responsibilities do believers have to fight against it?
- Pastor Joey called us to lament, act (in repentance and advocacy), and stick around. Which of those three actions will be hardest for you? Which will be easiest?
- What will you do differently this week in light of what you learned?

