

**Series: *Tuning Up Family Life, #3***

**Message Summary:** Out of all of life's challenges that can make us feel inadequate (school – job – marriage – finances – serving in church) parenting has to be at the top of this list. Parenting can be the most exasperating, confusing, perplexing experience and yet at times, the most rewarding. Becoming the parent our kids need is a challenge we all must embrace. God's Word calls us to this challenge.

## **The Parent Your Child Needs**

**1. T–Teach. Deuteronomy 6:6-9**

**A. Teaching happens when you are wholeheartedly committed v.6**

**B. Teaching happens through repetition v.7**

**C. Teaching happens through lifestyle discussions v.7**

**D. Teaching happens through a consistent home environment. v.8**

**2. R – Reprove. Proverbs 19:18**

**A. Discipline is how you protect your child's future**  
**Discipline – Rebellion**  
**Disciple – A Mistake**

**B. Discipline empowers you to enjoy parenting**

**3. A – Affirm Proverbs 10:21**

**A. Discover the unique qualities of your child.**

**B. Practice affirming these unique qualities.**

**4. I – Inspire. 1 Corinthians 11:1**

**A. Model a life that inspires your kids**

**B. Model a life that inspires them to follow Jesus**

**5. N – Navigate. Proverbs 4:5**

**A. Give your kids wisdom not simply information**

**B. Let your kids make mistakes**

**Questions:** *LifeGroups begin the week of Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>*

**EXPLORE IT-** Review Sunday's sermon outline and add addition notes people made about the message.

1. Share some of your own experiences with the challenge of parenting.
2. Discuss Deut. 6 and the four ways we teach our kids.
3. Why is discipline so important? What are the consequences of not doing this? Share the challenges that come with this issue.
4. How can we affirm our kids?
5. How do we model a life that inspire our kids to imitate us?
6. How do we impart wisdom to our kids so they can navigate life for themselves?

**APPLY IT-** (15min) How did God challenge you with this message? What might be a good application for you?