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*Equipping the Next Generation (and the Leaders who Serve Them) – Week 4*

## GROWING KIDS UP IN THE TRUTH

*John 8:32; 14:6; 17:17 & Selected Scriptures*

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**Introduction:** This is week four in our series called, *Equipping the Next Generation: And the Leaders Who Serve Them*. My message this morning might feel like a bit of a detour. However, by the end, I think you'll see why I've chosen this topic. Today I want to talk about truth: truth with a capital T, truth that we might call *true truth*. Here's why I've chosen this message for today. If we're saying that we intend to equip the next generation, then you have the right to know our views on the nature of truth and how we intend to sow that truth into the children and teens who grace our church. But here's the ironic twist in 2023. Many different truth tribes are out there competing for the hearts and minds of your child. If they can win your child over, they stand to gain much power and influence. And their cause is most definitely not your cause. How are they doing it? They compete through your child's screens. They compete especially through your child's smartphone. At GCC we too compete in the marketplace of ideas. We too have our version of truth. It's founded in God's Word. As a congregation, you have a right to know what we believe about the truth that comes from His Word. So, this morning, I'll going to present to you our take on truth, and then, in the rest of the message I'll build on the foundation.

### 1. Defining Truth

*John 18:38*

### 2. Demonstrating Truth

### **3. Living Out Truth**

*John 17:14-17*

### **4. Idea**

### **5. Takeaways**