

These messages notes are raw and unedited.  
They were intended to make sense to *me*.  
That being said, I am providing them to you hoping  
that you may find them helpful.

## ➔ **Back to the Basics**

- Back to school. Summers over. Back to the daily grind.
- I used to not only take a **vacation from school**, but often times, I would take a **vacation from God**.
- Maybe some of you did as well, and if thats the case it's time for you to get back to the basics.

### Philippians 3:13-14

But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

## ➔ **What are the basics?**

- The basics are three areas of a Christian's life that we need to have in order to succeed in the destiny God has for us.
- God has something for each of us to do. A destiny, a call. But we can't do it if we're not ready. We've got to stay ready. We've got to get back to the basics.
- Just like there are three primary colors, there are three basics that we need to make a priority

## ➔ **Recap Basic 1: Relationship with God**

## ➔ **Basic 2: Being planted in God's house**

- What is God's house? Your church, hopefully destiny

## ★ **What does it mean to be planted?**

- Planting flowers in garden / roots go down
- Nutrients in the soil to help flowers grow
- **Redwood example:** The tree can grow tall, because it's roots are deep, wide, and strong. 250 feet wide. 3x BBALL court. More than 1/2 a football field. Over 2000 years old.
- Planted in church means you're letting your roots go down. You're getting involved in ministry. You're making a commitment to be faithful.

## ★ Why do I need to be planted?

- Same reason a tree needs to be planted: To grow in the Lord and reach your full potential.
- Church is like flower bed, full of nutrients.
- Around those who love you and care for you. People who will help you grow.

### Proverbs 27:17

As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.

- Our church motto "I'm here for you"
- You can't plant a redwood tree in a flower pot and expect it to grow. It doesn't have the proper support or food it needs. It will never reach it's full potential and will eventually die.
- You can't expect yourself to grow spiritually, if you're not planted in your church.
- A newly planted tree is easy to uproot, not an old redwood. Stand up against the storms of life.

## ★ How do I get planted?

- Lots of ways
- Best way is to just get involved in ministry
- children's or nursery
- serve coffee on sundays
- greeter on sunday or wed
- musical talents in worship
- joining the choir
- **CGEN Recruits**

## ★ Response

### My life and experience in ministry

That's really what CGEN & Destiny Church is all about, helping you to find your ministry.

We're here to help you find your calling.

We're here to help you take your creativity and use it to minister to others.

We're here to help you reach your potential.

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