



God Out of the Box

“...a God who is unlimited, who is OUT of the box.”

Matthew 1:1-16

Ice Breaker:

1. Pet dog: mutt or pure-breed what is your preference? Why?
Or...
2. What ONE Christmas gift were you the most excited to GIVE?

Questions:

1. Explain why the “pedigree” was so important to first century Jews.
2. What is similar in our culture today? How has our society “lost” some of the meaning of family or pedigree?
3. Why is it so important to understand the “pedigree” of Christ?
4. What five ways do we see proof that is God NOT boxed (bound or limited) in these 16 verses?
 1. **TIME** Matt. 1:1, Gen. 2:4 and 5:1 plus John 1:1 and 1:14
 2. **GEOGRAPHY** Matt. 1:2, Jer. 23:23-24
 3. **GRACE** How are Tamar, Rahab, Ruth and Bathsheba significant in the first chapter of Matthew? John 1:14
 4. **HUMAN ACTIONS** I Kings 15:11, II Chronicles 22:9, Acts 17:25
 5. **STRUGGLES** II Corinthians 1:20-21
5. Which of these 5 do you personally tend to “BOX” God with? How or what does your struggle look like?
6. What do you need to do next?