

Sermon Discussion Questions:  
Advent 2019 Part 2: "The Ultimate Role Model"

1. Who are early role models you had, growing up? What about them captured you?
2. Consider 1 Peter 2:21, and 1 John 2:6. How would you explain to a child the idea of "walking" in these two verses?
3. Pastor Kent mentioned 4 different aspects to follow when it comes to Christ Jesus being our ultimate role model. The first was:

**Commitment to the Will of God**

Read Jesus' words in Matthew 4:10, Luke 22:42, and John 4:34.

As you look back on your Christian experience, can you identify a certain season of life where your commitment to doing the will of God was disproportionately strong?

When we talk about "the will of God", do you think we're usually most interested in:  
(A) Doing God's clear will as revealed in Scripture (e.g. Matt. 28:18-20; 1 Thess. 4:3, 5:18; etc.)  
(B) The discovery of God's particular will about some personal issue (decision making)  
(C) Both

4. The second aspect Pastor Kent mentioned was: **Compassion**.

Read Mark 8:1-3 and Luke 7:11-15.

What's so surprising about Jesus' compassion? Isn't compassion just a basic virtue of decent human beings?

To what degree do you think we simply become desensitized due to the needs of the world being so great / overwhelming?

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5. The third aspect Pastor Kent mentioned was: **Trusting God in the Midst of Suffering**

Read 1 Peter 2:19-25.

To what degree can Jesus sympathize with whatever suffering we endure? To what Scriptures would you point to defend your answer?

What does the 21<sup>st</sup> Century American culture in which we presently live tell us to do with suffering?

What does "The moon is always round" mean, and how can it help us navigate this discussion?

6. The fourth aspect Pastor Kent mentioned was: **Extending Forgiveness**

Read John 8:1-11.

As you think through Jesus' teaching throughout the 4 Gospels, which stories, teachings, accounts, etc. stand out to you as the strongest examples of forgiveness?

Read Colossians 3:13 – Where does the Christian's ability to forgiveness of others come from?

7. Pastor Kent gave us some time to put these four aspects of Christ as our role model in order of importance (to us personally). What is your order of importance?

What would you say is the order of importance of these 4 aspects for the broader American church today?