

**May 10, 2009**  
**Matthew 28:18**  
**Philippians 2:1-11**

## ***The Reality of the Resurrection for Jesus***

*Then Jesus came to them and said,  
"All authority in heaven and on  
earth has been given to me."  
Matthew 28:18*

### **Phil. 2:2-4 - Actions**

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- 5.
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### **Phil. 2:5-11 – Attitude**

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Why do you think John chose to put these two scriptures together as our texts for this week?

### **READ Matthew 28:18**

What does this verse mean to you?

Discuss the meaning and importance of the words 'authority,' 'all' & 'me.'

### **READ Philippians 2:1-11**

After reading these verses out loud allow time for everyone to do the following:

1. In the column to the left list the six actions given in verses 2-4 that should define how we live.
2. In the column to the left list words and phrases from verses 5-11 that help you grab onto the attitude of humility shown by Jesus.
3. Look over what you've written from both sections of this text. Which item do you find most challenging? Put a star by this and take a moment to pray silently: Ask God to develop this action or attitude in you this week.

### **RESURRECTION . . . AUTHORITY . . . HUMILITY . . .**

#### **Jesus = Good Authority**

Share examples of people who have modeled Jesus' attitude of humility in a position of authority.

Why do you think we tend to abuse authority?

Where do you have authority? How do you guard against misuse of this authority? How do you allow this authority to be subject to the authority of Jesus? In what way do these verses challenge you to have this authority be further defined by the model Jesus gives us?

Where have you personally struggled with someone who has misused, or is misusing, their authority over you? How have you dealt with this? Think through all the events of Jesus' life, death and resurrection that have to do with authority - What do you see in Jesus' response to authority that helps you?

#### **Jesus has Authority over ALL**

Where do you struggle with having a compartmentalized life? Where is it most difficult to let Jesus be LORD/have authority in your life? How can this group pray for you about this?

### **PRAY TOGETHER!**

Pray about what you shared with one another.