



### **Special Message: It Goes A Long Way**

Relationships are a vital part our lives. If you have great relationships you will have a great life. If you have bad relationships then your life may not be very enjoyable. According to Scripture, there are key behaviors that help us to have great relationships - compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. So what keeps us from achieving great relationships? Being better at one of these behaviors may hold the key.

**Bottom Line:** Patience leads to flourishing relationships.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Describe a time when you were a kid and wanted something but had to wait to get it. What emotions did you have regarding waiting?
2. What do you think are some causes for people to be impatient?
3. **Read Proverbs 16:32, Proverbs 15:18, and 1 Thessalonians 5:13-15.** These verses discuss the importance of being patient. What causes you to get “hot tempered” and lose your patience? How can you begin to become “slow to anger” in those situations?
4. **Read Psalm 27:14.** In what ways do you think your life would be better if you waited on the Lord and became more patient?
5. **Read 2 Peter 3:8-9.** God’s timing is not like ours. He is patient with us so we must be patient with others. What broken relationships could you heal as a result of your becoming more patient?
6. **Read 1 Timothy 1:16.** How have you experienced God’s patience in your life? What steps can you take towards becoming a more patient person in all areas of your life?
7. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
8. How can the group encourage you this week?