1. (v.73-80) Yodh (י): A Dual Working in Others. There is a dual working of God’s Word through us to build up others in the Body of Christ, and at the same time bear witness to those who have yet to accept Christ as their personal Savior. Our obedience to God’s Word and ways simultaneously works on both.

2. (v.81-88) Kaph (כ): When Will Justice Come? Persecution of believers has always resulted in not just refining and strengthening the faith and walk of believer’s, but in having a multiplying effectiveness where the opportunities to share the Gospel with unbelievers is concerned. There is unlimited time in eternity for justice, but only a short window in this life to avoid it.

3. (v.89-96) Lamedh (ל): Eternal Perfection. In this life we have the choice of obedience to the eternal nature of God’s Word, which not only established Creation and extends to eternity past, but to our eternity future, or remain with the limitations of earthly perfection, which is actually no perfection at all.

For Small Group Leaders to summarize these three lessons:

**Overall Application**

**Q: What appears to be a common, underlying theme in these teachings?**
A: The contrast of the temporal—this life, and the eternal—the next life.

**Q: Why do things in this life matter where eternity is concerned? Aren’t we all destined for death anyway?**
A: Our soul is actually immortal and will not cease just because our life on this planet ends.

**Application** How we live here determines where we live there. And as it turns out, it’s not just how we live individually in and of ourselves, but how we live with others.