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## Questions

1. What are the 5 different ways that Bird tries to describe the Church as a community?
  - a. Eschatological, trinitarian, holistic, diaconal, and fellowship
2. What would a church be like without the Word?
  - a. Starved of learning, unchallenged, and without discipleship
3. What is the truest mark of a church?
  - a. The Gospel
4. What is a congregational church?
  - a. A church that is governed by the democratic rule of the congregation
5. What is the most important thing in the governance of the church?
  - a. The Christian character of the men and women who lead the church

## Terms

1. Diaconal - relating to the word deacon or to the role of a deacon
2. Trinitarian - relating to the trinity, doctrine of the trinity, or adherents of the trinity
3. Episcopalianism - the protestant episcopal church of the anglican communities

## Summary

Bird begins chapters 8.3 to 8.5 with describing the shape of the church's communities. These 3 sections are used to describe different aspects of the church. He begins with describing that the church's communities are eschatological, trinitarian, fellowshiping, diaconal, and holistic. Then he goes on in 8.4 to talk about the marks of a church. What marks let's you know that this is a genuine church that follows Jesus Christ. He also talks about the different marks that differentiate between catholic and reformed theological churches. He ends this section with talking about how churches have different types of governing bodies. He brings up episcopalianism, presbyterianism, congregationalism, and multisite churches. He concludes that

the most important part of the church governing body is the characters of the leaders who lead the church.