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### **Questions**

1. What are the 5 community traits that shape the church?
2. Why was the diaconate established by the apostles?
3. What are the authenticating marks of the church?
4. Why did Calvin not support making church discipline an essential mark of the church but rather the mark of a healthy church?
5. What is the single most important factor in the governance of the church, in Bird's view?

### **Answers**

1. *The church should be an eschatological, Trinitarian, diaconal, fellowshiping and holistic community.*
2. *To make sure material needs and pastoral requirements were satisfied in the primitive messianic community.*
3. *Oneness, holiness, catholic (universal) and apostolic*
4. *He believed it could lead to puritanical practices that stifled unity over matters not absolutely necessary to the faith.*
5. *It is not the structure or model it is based on but rather the Christian character of the men and women who lead it, as any form of ecclesial government can foster a healthy church with a kingdom vision, a gospel focus, a hunger for holiness and a passion for God's glory if the men and women entrusted with authority are genuinely committed to loving God and loving God's people.*

### **Terms**

**Koinonia** - Greek, designates a mutual interest, generosity, participation, sharing and partnership

**Episcopacy** - government of a church by bishops, the bishops of a region or church collectively

**Schadenfreude** - pleasure derived by someone from another person's misfortune

### **Summary**

Continuing to describe the church, Bird covers what the community of the church should look like, the marks that authenticate it to as a church and then delves into the various forms of church governance.