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Assignment 8: Bird 8.3 - 8.5

### Quiz Questions

1- Which of the below are not used by Bird to describe the shape of the Church?

A- Eschatological | B- Fellowshiping | C- Diaconal | D- Corporal

Answer: D

2- To whom do Roman Catholics assign the initial title of pope?

Answer: Peter

3- At least how many protestant denominations are there in the world?

Answer: 30,000

4- What form of church governance places a group of elders as the head of the congregation?

Answer: Presbyterian

5- What does Bird outline as the five purposes of a church?

Answer: Evangelism, make disciples, administer the sacraments, kingdom work, and worship

### Terms

*Eschatological* - relating to the consummation of the new humanity in the day of the Lord.

*Catholic* - term used to represent the diverse unity of the church through ethnicities and geographies

*Episkopos* - greek word for overseer or bishop

### Summary

In chapters 8.3-8.5, Bird focuses on the shape, marks, and governance of the Church. In describing the shape of the church, he defines the church as an eschatological, trinitarian, diaconal, fellowshiping, and holistic community. The marks of the church are fourfold - one, holy, catholic, and apostolic. Bird places particular emphasis on the importance of joining the Word and sacraments in order to promote this fourfold unity. Finally, Bird outlines the three main governance models for church structures: episcopalian, presbyterian, and congregational. The Episcopalian model emphasizes the bishop as the central leadership figure. The Presbyterian model instead has a group of elders as the leadership head. Meanwhile, a congregational model has a democratic structure where the congregation will determine the election of leadership. Lastly, he mentions the multisite church model as a newer phenomenon which has more of a network mindset with shared resources and theology but in different locations. This model, like all others, has its benefits and limitations which need to be carefully considered in the context of any church.