

Week 1 Confirming the Thesis Topic

1. Lecture Objectives

- 1) Understand the purpose and academic significance of a thesis.
- 2) Explore potential research topics.
- 3) Confirm a thesis topic based on personal interest and academic relevance.

2. Lecture Contents

1) Meaning and Purpose of a Thesis

- (1) What is a thesis?
- (2) The role of a thesis in academic research
- (3) The importance of theological research
- (4) Impact on the church and faith community

2) Criteria for Selecting a Thesis Topic

- (1) Biblical significance
- (2) Theological value
- (3) Potential academic contribution
- (4) Accessibility of research materials
- (5) Appropriate research scope

3) Methods for Finding a Thesis Topic

- (1) Identifying topics from biblical studies
- (2) Exploring topics from historical and systematic theology
- (3) Discovering research topics from contemporary church issues
- (4) Reviewing previous research (Literature Review)

4) Refining the Thesis Topic

- (1) Narrowing broad topics into specific research questions
- (2) Establishing a research question
- (3) Clarifying research objectives

5) Process of Confirming the Thesis Topic

- (1) Consultation with the academic advisor
- (2) Evaluating research feasibility
- (3) Final confirmation of the thesis topic

3. Discussion Questions

- 1) What qualities make a good thesis topic?
- 2) Why is a Bible-centered topic important in theological research?
- 3) What possible research topics relate to your area of interest?

4. Practice Activity

- 1) Write three possible thesis topics related to your area of interest.
- 2) For each topic include:
 - 3) Research purpose
 - 4) Research question
 - 5) Expected research method

5. Assignment

- 1) Submit one final thesis topic by next week.
- 2) Write a one-page topic proposal including:
 - 3) Research background
 - 4) Research purpose
 - 5) Expected academic contribution