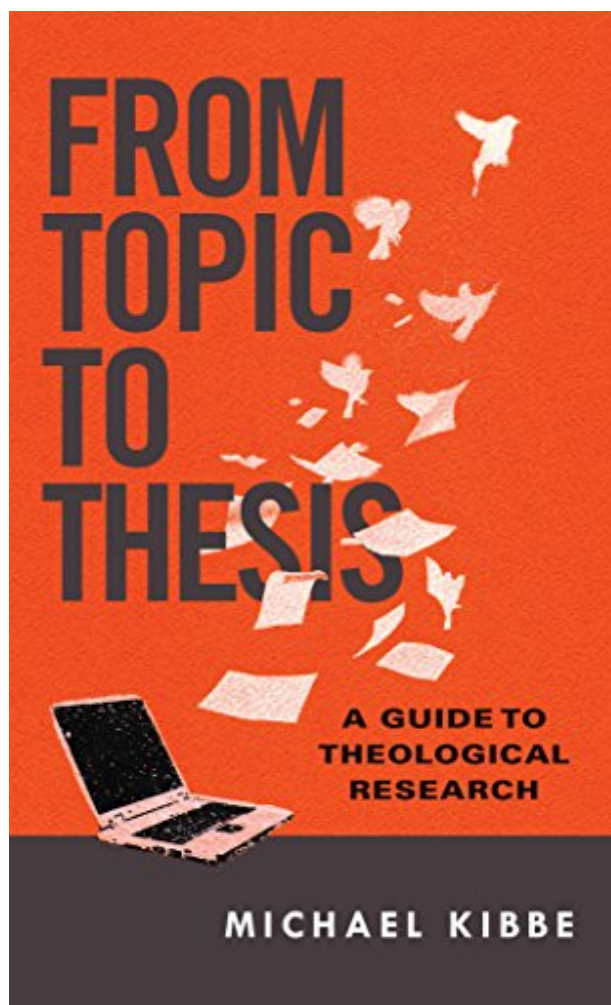


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# From Topic To Thesis: A Guide To Theological Research



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While courses in Bible and theology typically require research papers, particularly at the graduate level, very few include training in research. Professors have two options: use valuable class time to teach students as much as they can, or lower their standards with the understanding that students cannot be expected to complete tasks for which they have never been prepared. *From Topic to Thesis: A Guide to Theological Research* offers a third option. This affordable and accessible tool walks students through the process, focusing on five steps: finding direction, gathering sources, understanding issues, entering discussion and establishing a position. Its goal is to take students directly from a research assignment to a research argument – in other words, from topic to thesis.

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Dr. Michael ÅfÅÃ â ÑÃ â œMikeÅfÅÃ â ÑÃ â œKibbe has done a tremendous job providing this short yet mighty work for budding seminarians (like me!). He is honest and encouraging at what might seem elitist to some, baffling to others, and daunting and invigorating to theological students. His witty jokes and illuminating examples are true to Dr. Kibbe. IÅfÅÃ â ÑÃ â,œve had the honor of sitting down with once while he was finishing up his Ph.D dissertation at Wheaton College: heÅfÅÃ â ÑÃ â,œs well loved amongst his students, peers, and supervisors. Highly recommended for any starting or current seminarian (or undergraduate Bible/Theology/Religious students).[...]

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My husband is a minister completing his education at bible college. This is a great start. Thanks.

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