Repentance and Remission of Sins
(Luke 24:46-47)

Introduction: 1.   At this time of the year, many people are thinking about the resurrection of Jesus.
2.   This is the time of the year that began the Passover week, during which Jesus was crucified.
3.   But following the crucifixion was the monumental resurrection of Jesus, that validated his claims and paved a way for us to be saved (1 Peter 1:3).
4.   But what did the disciples do following the resurrection?
5.   This lesson will answer that question.

I.   The Background to Luke 24:46-47
A.   This instruction given just before Jesus' ascension to Heaven (Luke 24:50-51).
B.   Jesus explained that his death and resurrection were necessary (Luke 24:46).
C.   Then he commissioned them to preach two messages (Luke 24:47).

II.   The Two Messages Jesus Wanted Preached After His Resurrection
A.   Repentance (Luke 24:47).
1.   Repentance isn't a popular topic.
2.   Fortunately, some are awakening to this call for repentance.
3.   What is repentance?
a.   It is not simply saying you're sorry (2 Corinthians 7:10).
b.   It is not merely reformation. There are many reasons why a man may reform, none of which have anything to do with God.
c.   Repentance is a change of mind with respect to God's commands that results in a change of action (Matthew 21:28-32).
B.   Remission of sins (Luke 24:47).
1.   Notice that repentance of sins precedes forgiveness of sins (Luke 24:47).
2.   Also notice that they did not waste time preaching this message (Acts 2:38; Acts 3:19).
3.   There is not a time that I pray that I am not overwhelmed with the graciousness of God and his longsuffering.

Conclusion: 1.   Friends, in view of the resurrection of Jesus that validated his claims, I wanted to do this morning the very thing he commanded his early disciples to do.
2.   Thus, I have preached repentance and remission of sins and hope that you will become a disciple of Jesus, or if you already are, that you will pick up the charge Jesus gave and begin proclaiming this same message to others.