

Invercargill Central Baptist Church – Easter All Age Service Idea

Keith Harrington from Invercargill Central Baptist Church saw this suitcase cross idea at South West Baptist and his team used it this year for their all-age Easter services on Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday.



Here is the cross made of suitcases on Good Friday with baggage tags stuck to it labelled with words like: fear, shame, anxiety, failure, brokenness, abuse...



By Sunday the suitcase and all the tags have been painted over with white paint as a symbol of the forgiveness and redemption given to us through Jesus' resurrection.

We developed the idea further and added a worship response. At the foot of the cross you can see labels people have put there. I got the blank luggage labels from Kmart and everyone got one when they came in. After the message they were invited to respond and write or draw anything they were carrying around that they didn't need to be, or in other words, the baggage they were unnecessarily carrying. People then came up and put them at the foot of the cross.



They could then take the other label I had prepared with the words of Matthew 29:11 and take it home with them as a reminder.

Come to me all of you who are tired from carrying heavy loads and I will give you rest.

Bronwyn Elder and Keith Harrington.