



Haratua 16 – Te Wera Hauraki

**Mihimihi /
Introduction**
10 mins

Mihi
Sharing, catching up
Icebreaker ideas to get everyone into the mood

**Pānui /
Reading**
5min

John 6: 59-69

Hoani 6: 59-69

Activity
20mins

- Paired, in small groups and whole group discussions
 - Mahi kutikuti
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Conclusion
Evaluation
5mins

What did we learn? Positives, negatives, suggestions for next week?
Feedback from tamariki/whanau

Resources needed:

Bible

Scissors

Glue



Readings:

John 6: 59-69

Today's reading comes from the book of John, chapter 6, beginning at verse 59

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Hoani 6: 59-69

Ka timata te panui kei te pukapuka o Hoani, te 6 o ngā upoko, ki te whiti 59

⁵⁹I kōrerotia ēnei mea e ia i roto i te whare karakia, i a ia e whakaako ana i Kaperenauma. ⁶⁰Nā he tokomaha āna ākongā i te rongonga, i mea, "He kupu pakeke tēnei; ko wai e āhei te whakarongo atu?"

⁶¹Ka mōhio ia a Īhu i roto i a ia, e kōmuhumu ana āna ākongā ki tēnei, ka mea ia ki a ratou, "E hē ana koutou ki tēnei? ⁶²Ka pēhea rā ki te kite koutou i te Tama a te tangata e kake atu ana ki te wāhi i noho ai ia i mua? ⁶³Ko te wairua te whakaora ana; kāhore a te kikokiko wāhi. Ko ngā kupu e kōrero nei ahau ki a koutou he wairua, he ora. ⁶⁴Tenei anō ia ētahi o koutou kāhore o rātou whakapono." (I mātau hoki a Īhu nō te tīmatanga ki ngā mea kāhore o rātou whakapono, ki te tangata anō e tukua ai ia.). ⁶⁵Ā, ka mea ia, "Nā konei ahau i mea ai ki a koutou, 'Kāhore he tangata e āhei te haere mai ki ahau, ki te kāhore e hoatu ki a ia e tōku Matua.' "

⁶⁶I taua wā he tokomaha āna ākongā i hoki ki muri, ā, mutu ake tā rātou haere tahi me ia. ⁶⁷Nā, ka mea a Īhu ki te tekau mā rua, "E mea ana anō rānei koutou kia haere?" ⁶⁸Nā, ka whakahokia e Haimona Pita ki a ia, "E te Ariki, me haere mātou ki a wai? Kei a koe ngā kupu o te ora tonu. ⁶⁹Kua whakapono mātou, kua mātau, ko te Karaiti koe, ko te Tama a te Atua ora."



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Thinking about Te Wera Hauraki and the scripture of John 6: 59-69 is a good reminder to think about why we should and choose to keep following Jesus.

Just like those people of Mahia and those who followed Te Wera from the Bay of Islands, they had faith in these teachings of peace that Te Wera shared with them. Sometimes following Jesus is difficult, but the disciples who kept following Jesus in today's scripture remind us that when we keep following Jesus, really good things happen.

“Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

Have you made a decision recently which put you among Christ's followers?

Let us pray,

Thank you for the disciples, those we know here on earth like Te Wera Hauraki who never gave up on Jesus and showed us what to expect when we keep following Jesus and learning about you.

Amine.





Korero about Te Wera Hauraki.

Hauraki was the son of Kaitara, a principal leader of Ngāti Hineira and Te Uri Taniwha, of Ngāpuhi. In his younger years he lived in Pukenui pā, Te Ahuahu in the Bay of Islands. His first contact with the missionaries was probably with Thomas Kendall and John King. They gave him some help with planting his wheat near Kerikeri in 1817. Hauraki was visited by Samuel Marsden in October 1819. Te Wera Hauraki was well known as he participated in various Ngāpuhi raids on other tribes that took him as far as the Mahia Peninsula and Wairoa.

Throughout his warfare time Te Wera showed signs of difference when and how he approached traditional battle. Like encouraging iwi not to pursue attacks on other iwi out of revenge. His most well known example was returning Te Whareumu (who Te Wera had captured) to his people. Te Whareumu talked to his people and persuaded them to accept Te Wera Hauraki as their leader. They even gifted him whenua. By the 1830s Te Wera Hauraki was one of the most significant (well known) chiefs on the East Coast. Te Wera Hauraki was respected for his total integrity. He was ever accused of evil deeds, or left those he protected. He kept his promises.

When William Williams and others from the Church Missionary Society visited the East Cape area in early 1838, they found continuing tension between the tribes of the Bay of Plenty to the East Cape area and those further south. The possibility of peace seemed to open a door for the gospel.

William Williams did not meet Te Wera, who died during 1839, but, when he visited Mahia in early 1840, he discovered a readiness to receive the gospel and a strong desire by some Maori to have missionaries living among them.

The speed and completeness of the acceptance of Christianity among the Maori of the East Coast was fostered by the conditions established by leaders such as Te Wera.



Activity

Making changes is never easy. Especially if they are big changes.

Ask your tamariki/rangatahi to think of a time when they had to choose between continuing to do something difficult or quitting. You might ask one or two of them to share their experiences.

Explain that after Jesus gave the sermon recorded in John 6, His disciples faced a similar decision.

- Invite a student to read John 6:60 - 66 aloud. Ask everyone to follow along, looking for the response of many of Jesus's disciples to His teachings.
 - Why did many of Jesus's disciples choose to stop following Him?
 - Why do some people find it difficult to keep the Lord's commandments?
- Invite a student to read John 6:60 - 66 aloud. Ask everyone to follow along, looking for the response of many of Jesus's disciples to His teachings.
 - What did Jesus ask His Disciples?
- Invite a student to read John 6:68–69 aloud, and ask the class to look for how Simon Peter responded to the Savior. Ask students to report what they find.

From Peter's response, what truth can we learn that will help us remain faithful during times when it may be difficult to follow Jesus or live His teachings? (After tamariki responds, write the following principle on the board: A firm belief of Jesus Christ will help us remain faithful during times when it may be difficult to follow Jesus or live His teachings)

Mahi kutikuti

On the next page, cut out the kupu and glue them into the foot. These kupu represent the good that comes when we follow Jesus.



Anuanu

Kino

Awhina

Manaaki

Aroha

Utu

Harikoa

Oranga



Taku aru i a Ihu

