**Life in Community Part 3: No Masks Allowed & Hate Can Be a Good Thing**

**No Masks Allowed**

[Romans 12:9](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNIV.Ro12.9) (NIV)

* Authentic love is foundational to biblical community
* Benefits of Authentic Love in Community:

1. Allows people to know you

2. Allows people to love you

3. Allows people to pray for you

4. Allows people to help you

**Hate Can Be A Good Thing**

**Romans 12:9 NIV**

* Hating  and confronting sin is vital to Biblical community
* Healthy Steps to Take When Confronting Sin:

1.  Examine   your own life (Matthew 7:3-5)

2.  Confront in love ( [1 Corinthians 13:1](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleESV.1Co13.1) )

3. Don’t Quit ( [Proverbs 27:17](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleESV.Pr27.17) )

4.  Restore and Pray ([James 5:16](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleESV.Jas5.16))

5.  Trust God to Work ([Romans 2:4](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleESV.Ro2.4))

**Discussion Questions**

1. Where are you the most tempted to put on a mask?
2. What part of your heart does God need to change to help you become more honest?
3. What are the pros and cons of being completely honest in community?
4. What would it look like for you to take off your mask and be aggressively honest with your community?
5. How can you help create a culture of honesty in your community?
6. How can you become a safe person to whom people make risky confessions?
7. Who is the safest person to whom you can make a risky confession in the next thirty days?
8. In light of hating the sin that hurts those you love, what conversations do you need to have?