

**Summer series - Exposing our blind spots – Male = Female****Climbing a cliff with an overhang**

Our potential blind spot - male = female.

**Background****Definitions**

Male = someone with an X and a Y chromosome

Female = someone with two X chromosomes

**Are both genders equal?**

Gen 1:27, “So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them, male and female he created them.”

- The example of Jesus
- Gal 3:28, “there is no male not female for you are all one in Christ Jesus”

God made us equal but God has not made us interchangeable

What are the differences?

- 1) **Social customs**
- 2) **External Physical differences**
- 3) **Internal physical differences**
- 4) **Roll differences for God’s people**

**Why did God make two different genders?**

**Reason 1** – So we can make children.

**Reason 2** – For companionship

Gen 2:18, “it is not good for man to be alone”

**Reason 3** – To help us understand God and point us to heaven

**“God has given us two distinctly different genders to enable us to better grasp the nature of God”**

**“a picture of God’s love for us”**

**Gen 1-2 ... Rev 21-22**

**Hosea chapter 1-3**

**Song of Songs**

**John 3:28-29, Matthew 9:15.**

**Ephesians 5**

**Rev 21-22**

**So, what do we make of this?**

**differences ... central to the plans and purposes of God.**

### **Living in light of two equal but different genders**

**Firstly, uphold the fact that the two sexes are 100% equal in the plans and purposes of God.**

**Secondly, embrace the differences**

**Thirdly, give thanks to God for these differences.**

**Fourthly, you should remember that God, who loves us deeply, has plans and purposes that are good for us in light of eternity.**

**Fifthly, differences certainly make marriage deeper and richer**

**Finally, ... what God planned in light of the reality that marriage points us to our eternal future united with Christ.**